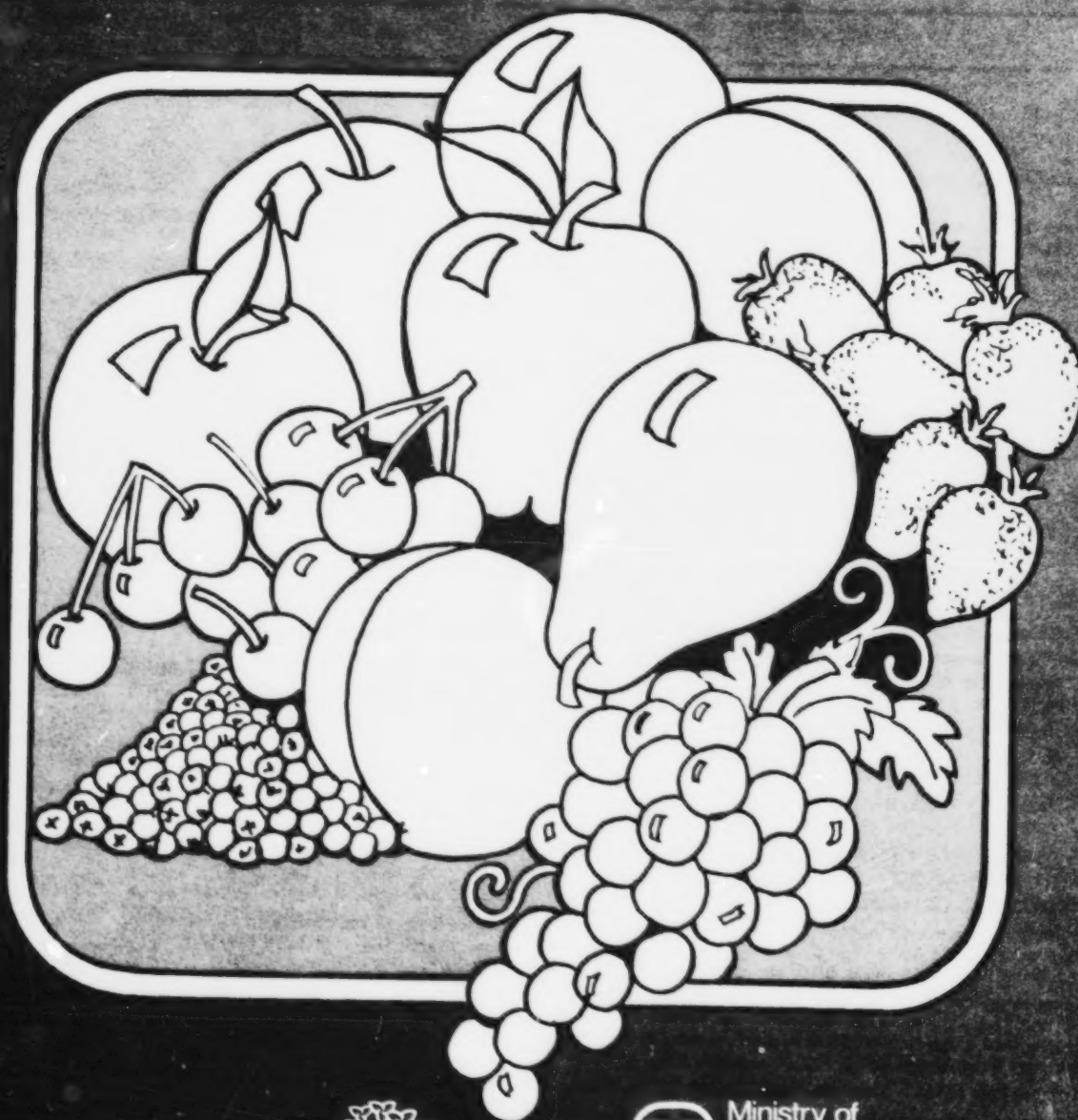


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APPLES

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PEACHES

PEACHES
NECTARINES

PEARS

RASPBERRIES
BLACKBERRIES

STRAWBERRIES

To the best of the collective knowledge of the members of the Ontario Crop Protection Committee, all pesticides listed in this publication were federally registered, reviewed by the Ontario Pesticides Advisory Committee and classified by the Ministry of the Environment as of November 11, 1987.

The information presented on the pesticide container label regarding application rates and methods of application is the final authority and where conflicts occur between this publication and the container label, the latter applies.

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRINTED ON THE PESTICIDE LABEL.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food, or the Ontario Crop Protection Committee by printing this publication does not offer any warranty or guarantee and they do not assume any liability for any crop loss, animal loss, health, safety or environmental hazard caused by the use of a pesticide mentioned in this publication.

POLICY STATEMENT

In this publication, most recommendations list several pesticides that are effective for each insect or disease discussed. Where possible, the less hazardous materials and those that growers have used satisfactorily for a number of years are listed first. These are followed by the more toxic pesticides and/or newer ones with which we have less experience. It must be emphasized that, in some cases, the most effective pesticides are highly toxic.

Weather and other factors influence the effectiveness of pesticides and the likelihood of plant injury by control chemicals. Consult the package label and other information regarding compatibility with other materials, the effect of high or low temperatures, poor drying conditions, etc. Wettable or soluble powders (WP or SP) generally are less likely to cause plant injury than liquid concentrates (EC, SC, and F).

A number of brand names of pesticides are given in the calendars as a convenience to the grower and are neither an endorsement of the product nor a suggestion that similar products are not effective.

The pesticide recommendations are reviewed annually by the Ontario Crop Protection Committee. **OLD EDITIONS SHOULD BE DISCARDED.**

For additional information or clarification of recommendations, contact Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food personnel listed on page 2.

FEDERAL REGISTRATION AND PROVINCIAL CLASSIFICATION

Ontario's Pesticides Act and Regulation 751, administered by the Ministry of the Environment, prohibits the sale and use of pesticide products unless they are registered under the federal Pest Control Products Act and classified under the provincial Pesticides Act by being placed in one of six schedules of the Ontario regulation.

FEDERAL REGISTRATION

There are three categories:

1. Full Registration

Implies that all federal departments involved in the registration process agreed that the data package was acceptable at time of registration.

2. Temporary Registration

Indicates that there is a need for additional scientific or technical information to acquire a full registration. Temporary registrations expire on the 31st of December each year and the products must be re-registered if they are to be available for use in the following year.

3. Temporary Registration (Restricted Class)

Indicates that there is an urgent need for the pesticide but that studies on the safety of the product are incomplete. Such registrations expire on the 31st of December each year and the products must be re-registered if they are to be available for use the following year.

PROVINCIAL CLASSIFICATION

Pesticide products are classified into six schedules in Regulation 751 on the basis of their toxicity, environmental or health hazard, persistence of the active ingredient or its metabolites, concentration and usage. This classification system provides the basis for regulating the distribution, availability and use of pesticide products in Ontario.

A procedure has recently been put in place to upgrade the classification process for pesticide products. This procedure provides for "interim status" products. These products are proposed by the Minister for inclusion in a schedule to Regulation 751, and the proposal is published in the *Ontario Gazette*. A person who sells or uses such a product as if it were in the specified schedule, is exempt from the prohibition against sale or use of an unscheduled product.

The pesticide products presently carrying temporary registration may or may not be classified and available in Ontario in 1988.

For updated information on the regulatory status of these or other pesticides contact the Agriculture & Industrial Chemicals Section, Hazardous Contaminants Coordination Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Toronto. Telephone (416) 323-5095.

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| • Chemicals Safety Handbook | Chemical Storage Warning Sign |
| • Pesticides Act and Regulations | (attach to entrance door) |

READ THIS ENTIRE SECTION BEFORE USING ANY PESTICIDES

PRECAUTIONS WITH ALL PESTICIDES

General Precautions

1. Always read the label before opening pesticide containers, and follow all precautions and directions. Before starting keep a record of the common names of all pesticides handled and especially those listed as hazardous in this publication. This list should be known by members of your family in the event of an accident.
2. Use an anti-back flow device, to prevent back siphoning, when drawing water from wells, ponds, streams and other sources of water. Mix the pesticide in at least 50 m from the water. Triple or pressure rinse the empty container and add rinse water to tank. Only mix enough solution to do the spray job. After loading and mixing wash down gloves and boots with clean water before removing.
3. Never smoke, chew tobacco or eat while handling or applying pesticides. Do not carry tobacco or food items in clothing worn while spraying. Change clothing and wash before eating.
4. When handling and mixing concentrates, rinsing empty containers or repairing leaks, a full set of protective clothing should be worn including waterproof cap, coveralls, impervious glove and boots and eye protectors. If highly or extremely toxic pesticides are being used a respirator should be worn. If very dusty formulations are being handled, a dust mask should be used. If volatiles or gases are being handled, a respirator must be worn. If these gases are highly dangerous or in an enclosed space a self contained breathing apparatus may be needed.
5. During application a tractor cab with charcoal filter gives adequate protection against exposure. Impervious gloves and boots and coveralls and cap should be worn when tending to stoppages. When using airblast and mist blowers and tractors without cabs, waterproof suits including caps and impervious gloves and boots should be worn. When applying fumigants in the field, a respirator should be available for problems with equipment or if the fumigant is not adequately sealed in the soil and escapes.
6. When the spray operation is complete, rinse gloves and boots before removal. All clothes should be double laundered separately from normal laundry. Underwear should be changed daily. It is wise to change twice a day, at lunch and then at the end of the day and wear clean clothes each time. Take a bath or shower after spraying to remove pesticide deposits on the skin. Avoid handling anything in the home before bathing.
7. Use OSCEPAP II Grant to protect your water supply and assist in building a place for storing your pesticides.

IF ACCIDENTS OCCUR

1. If an accident occurs, remove contaminated clothing including underclothes immediately, and wash contaminated skin thoroughly with soap and water. Wash gloves, boots, respirator before and after removal. Pre-soak clothes and double launder immediately. If the spill was serious, place the clothes in a plastic bag and dispose in a safe manner.

2. If clothing becomes wet with a pesticide, during spraying, remove it immediately, wash and put on freshly laundered clothes.
3. If symptoms of illness occur during or shortly after handling or applying a pesticide, get the patient to a hospital immediately. Take the list of common-name chemicals with you to the hospital (see Emergency Procedures for Pesticide Poisoning on the back cover).
4. Clean up any pesticide spills immediately. In the case of minor spills, use dry soil or other absorbent material to remove excess liquid and sweep up powders and granulars. Contaminated soil and sweepings should be spread over a larger area or bare soil to facilitate rapid degradation. Make sure you are adequately protected when cleaning up the spill.
In the case of a major pesticide "spill" the Ministry of the Environment, Spills Action Centre, 5th Floor, 7 Overlea Blvd., Toronto, Ontario, M4H 1A8, Telephone (416) 965-9619 or 1-800-268-6060 must be notified.
5. If a well becomes contaminated, follow clean-up instructions in OMAF Factsheet, *Pesticide Contamination of Farm Water Supplies*, Agdex 607.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR PESTICIDE POISONING FIRST-AID INFORMATION

(See Back Cover)

RELATIVE TOXICITY TO APPLICATOR

Definitions

Lethal Dose 50% (LD₅₀):

The dose which when administered will kill 50% of the test animals within a stated period of time (i.e. 1-6 days).

Acute Toxicity: Immediate adverse effects from a single or short period exposure to a substance, either by the oral, dermal or inhalation route.

Chronic Toxicity: Adverse effects resulting from repeated exposure to a substance over an extended period.

High Acute Toxicity

These pesticides are extremely dangerous if handled carelessly. The acute oral LD₅₀ is less than 50 mg/kg of body weight and the acute dermal LD₅₀ less than 200 mg/kg body weight. These pesticides can be fatal by swallowing less than 0.1 to 3 mL (one drop to half a teaspoonful). These pesticides carry the skull and crossbones in a stop sign. In using these products a respirator and eye protection is required along with all other protective clothing.

aluminum phosphide (Phostoxin)
azinphos methyl (Guthion, APM)
chlorophacinone (Rozol)
carbofuran (Furadan)
demeton (Systox)
diphacinone (Ramik Brown,
Ramik Green)
DNOC (Elgetol)

endosulfan (Thiodan)
methomyl (Lannate)
mevinphos (Phosdrin)
oxamyl (Vydate)
paraquat (Gramoxone)

parathion
zinc phosphide

Moderate Acute Toxicity

These pesticides are dangerous if handled carelessly. The acute oral LD₅₀ is 50 to 500 mg/kg of body weight and the acute dermal LD₅₀ is 200 to 2000 mg/kg body weight. These pesticides can be fatal by swallowing 3 to 30 mL (half a teaspoonful to 2 tablespoonsful). These pesticides carry the skull and crossbones on a stop sign. In using these products a respirator and eye protector along with all other protective clothing, are recommended when handling the concentrate.

1,3-D (Telone II, Telone C-17,

Vorlex plus, Vorlex plus CP)

daminozide (Alar)
diazinon (Basudin)
dimethoate (Cygon)

formetanate
hydrochloride (Carzol)
methidathion
(Supracide)
phosalone (Zolone)
phosmet (Imidan)
pirimicarb (Pirimor)

Low Acute Toxicity

These pesticides are not fatal unless deliberately ingested in amounts of over 30 mL (1 oz.). The acute oral LD₅₀ is greater than 500 mg/kg body weight and the acute dermal LD₅₀ greater than 2000 mg/kg body weight. Pesticides listed in this publication and not appearing in the lists in this section have low acute toxicities and should be handled with precaution. Protective clothing are required. Respirators are advised when used in confined spaces. Eye protection is advisable and other protective clothing should be worn.

Chronic Toxicity

It is not possible to assess chronic toxicity of a pesticide in the same way as an LD₅₀ is used to determine acute toxicity. Instead, a number of tests are performed on animals which help predict whether a pesticide will cause a number of possible long-term effects. Animals are examined for a wide variety of toxic effects such as the production of tumours or abnormalities. Protective clothing and equipment is advisable to reduce exposure and the risk of chronic effects.

1,3-D (Telone II, Telone C-17, Vorlex plus, Vorlex plus CP).

BLOOD TESTS FOR THOSE APPLYING PESTICIDES

Organophosphorus and carbamate pesticides are capable of inactivating the serum and the red blood cholinesterase levels. If the activity of cholinesterase falls below a critical level, human poisoning can result as exhibited by fatigue, dizziness, nausea, trembling, blurred vision, difficulty in breathing and other symptoms.

For those working outdoors and applying these groups of pesticides, it is strongly recommended that cholinesterase levels be checked by your family doctor. To be of value the tests should be commenced prior to using these pesticides and not after applications have commenced, since the normal level per individual can vary considerably, making it difficult to assess the degree of suppression. In this publication the primary insecticides of concern are:

azinphos-methyl (Guthion, APM)
carbaryl (Sevin)
carbofuran (Furadan)
demeton (Systox)
diazinon (Basudin)
dimethoate (Cygon)
methidathion (Supracide)

methomyl (Lannate)
oxamyl (Vydate)
mevinphos (Phosdrin)
parathion
phosalone (Zolone)
phosmet (Imidan)
pirimicarb (Pirimor)

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING WHEN USING PESTICIDES OUTDOORS

1. **Why Use Personal Protection?** Pesticide formulations vary in their toxicity from slightly to extremely poisonous. Once the pesticide is removed from the container, exposure occurs. The toxicity of the pesticide and the exposure to the user creates a hazard which varies from spray operation to spray operation. Both can be reduced, toxicity by dilution and exposure by protective clothing. The action taken by the applicator to reduce the hazard of a spray operation reduces the risk of poisoning. While the hazard of a situation remains, the risk can be changed by the care and protection followed by the applicator. Wearing the required protective clothing reduces the risk to a minimum.
2. **Risk of each stage in pesticide operation.**
 - (1) Handling and mixing concentrate – very high risk
 - (2) Rinsing empty containers – high risk
 - (3) Application outdoors – low to high risk
 - (4) Application indoors – medium to very high risk
 - (5) Cleanup, equipment rinsing – medium to high risk
 - (6) Re-entry into treated area up to 48 hrs. – low to medium risk.
3. **Exposure can be by way of skin, eyes, mouth, or nose.** Approximately 80-85% of the exposure in most spray operations is during mixing and loading of the concentrate. Field application usually accounts for 15-20% of the exposure. Skin exposure is usually 90 to 100% of the total exposure and around 70% of this is by way of the hands and forearms and 30% involves the rest of the body. Inhalation (nose and mouth) exposure is normally 0.1% but raises to 5-10% with mist blowers and air blast sprayers.
4. **To reduce skin (dermal) exposure** wear impervious gloves (neoprene, rubber, etc.) and waterproof boots, along with coveralls, apron or spray suits and waterproof cap. Coveralls can be reusable or disposable. Reusable coveralls are normally cotton or polyester and should be tightly woven. Polyester is more easily penetrated than cotton. Disposable coveralls are polyethylene and can be laundered several times. Spray suits should be used in highly hazardous conditions as with mist blowers and air blast machines. Eye protection should be practised with all pesticide concentrates.
5. **Respirators are recommended** when handling pesticides with labels carrying the warning stop sign with skull and crossbones that call for respiratory protection. Respirators should be used when spraying all pesticides rated as high toxicity or applying any liquified gas. Respirators are available as air purifiers or self-contained units. Respirators come in a wide range of shapes and sizes; consult the label and your nearest safety supply company for advice.
6. **Protective clothing deteriorates and pesticides eventually break through** to the skin. It is wise to check and replace where clothing is worn out, cracked, torn or severely abraded. All protective clothing should be washed after each use including respirator, boots, gloves and spray suits. After use, decontaminate and dry before storing in a clean and dry place.
7. **Consult the safety supply house** of your choice for appropriate guidance and selection of your protective clothing. See Table 1, page 6.

TABLE 1. SAFETY SUPPLY COMPANIES IN ONTARIO PROVIDING PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND/OR RESPIRATORY DEVICES FOR OUTDOOR PROTECTION AGAINST CERTAIN PESTICIDES

Respiratory Devices Manufactured By	Available From	Telephone
American Optical	AOCO Limited, Subsidiary of American Optical Corporation, 80 Centurian Drive, Markham L3Y 5Y5 Branches: Hamilton & Belleville	(416) 479-4545
H.S. Cover (York)	Levitt-Safety Ltd., 33 Laird Drive, Toronto, M4G 3S9 Branches: Kitchener, London, Ottawa, Sarnia, Stoney Creek, Sudbury and Thunder Bay	(416) 425-8700
Kasco Helmets	The St. George Co., R.R. #1, St. George, N0E 1N0	(519) 442-2046
Mine Safety Appliances	MSA Canada Inc., 148 Norfinch Drive, North York, M3N 1X8	(416) 667-9400
3M Occupational Health & Safety Products Div.	Safety Supply Canada, 90 West Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill (Toronto), L4B 1E7 Branches: Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, St. Catharines, Sarnia, South Porcupine, Thunder Bay and Windsor	(416) 222-4111 (416) 222-2111
North	Siebe-North Inc., 26 Dansk Court, Rexdale, M9W 5V8	(416) 675-2810
Racal Airstream	Safety Supply Canada, 90 West Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill (Toronto), L4B 1E7 Branches: Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, St. Catharines, Sarnia, South Porcupine, Thunder Bay and Windsor	(416) 222-4111 (416) 222-2111
Safety House	Safety House of Canada Ltd., 1275 Castlefield Ave., Toronto, M6B 1G4. Branches: Kitchener, London, Orillia, Ottawa, St. Catharines & Stoney Creek.	(416) 789-0631
Scott	Safety Supply Canada, 90 West Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill (Toronto), L4B 1E7 Branches: Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, St. Catharines, Sarnia, South Porcupine, Thunder Bay and Windsor	(416) 222-4111 (416) 222-2111
Survivair	Levitt-Safety Ltd., 33 Laird Drive, Toronto, M4G 3S9 Branches: Kitchener, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Stoney Creek, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.	(416) 425-8700
Willson	Safety Supply Canada, 90 West Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill (Toronto), L4B 1E7 Branches: Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, St. Catharines, Sarnia, South Porcupine, Thunder Bay and Windsor	(416) 222-4111 (416) 222-2111

Many of the companies listed above have dealer outlets in addition to branch outlets. For details of dealer outlets contact the supply company of your choice.

REENTRY TO TREATED AREAS

Pesticide poisoning may occur when workers enter fields too soon after pesticides have been applied. Such poisoning can result from handling treated plants or from inhalation of pesticide vapors.

The pesticides listed below are those for which a specific minimum interval must be observed from the time of application to the time of working in the crop. For some pesticides, e.g. parathion, the label carries a warning regarding working in treated crops. **Follow these recommendations.** Where no label warnings are provided, the following minimum intervals are recommended.

24 Hours	48 Hours	7 Days
Lannate (methomyl)	APM (azinphos-methyl)	Parathion
Phosdrin (mevinphos)	Guthion (azinphos-methyl)	
Supracide (methidathion)	Systox (demeton)	
Vydate (oxamyl)	Furadan (carbofuran)	

Storage

General Storage:

The Ontario Pesticides Act and Regulation 751 require that all pesticides be kept out of the reach of children, irresponsible persons, pets and livestock. They should be stored in a locked facility away from food for humans, and feed for animals. Herbicides should be stored separately from other pesticides to avoid possible contamination.

Special Storage:

1. Schedule 1, 2 and 5 pesticides must be stored in a storage facility which is ventilated to the outside atmosphere. A placard bearing the words "**Chemical Storage Warning - Authorized Persons Only**" in block capitals must be affixed to the outside of each entrance. Entry to the storage facility should only be made by the person responsible for the pesticide, or with his permission.
2. **Always store pesticides in original containers and keep them tightly closed. Never put pesticides in unmarked containers.** See also OMAF Factsheet, *Farm Storage of Pesticides*, Agdex 607.
3. In areas where flooding has been a frequent occurrence, fertilizers and pesticides must be stored above the known high water mark to void contamination of the flood waters. Contamination of water by these chemicals can and has led to serious health problems affecting humans, domestic animals as well as fish and wildlife.

Disposal of Pesticide Containers and Contaminated Material

1. Pesticide containers and any paper or other material used to clean up spills should be buried or burned. Make sure that people and animals are kept away from the smoke, and that the smoke is not directed toward buildings, highways, roads, or outdoor public areas.
2. Un-rinsed containers can contain as much as 3% of the original formulation. If this amount of toxic pesticide is discarded with the drum it could be dangerous to other people handling it, or to the environment (for example, your water supply). Failure to rinse is also wasteful — why not use that 3% for the purpose for which it was purchased, i.e., to control the pest!

Rinse all empty metal or glass containers three times with water and add washings to the spray tank. Or, use a rinsing device. These rinsers can be used to puncture the bottom of a metal or plastic drum, and to rinse the residue left in the container directly into the spray tank. This procedure takes less than a minute. The rinsed containers may be crushed, buried and covered by at least 50 cm of soil, away from any watercourse or water table.

POLLINATION

Pollination is essential for the production of most fruits. Many growers provide for this by arranging to have beekeepers move honeybee colonies into the crop during the blooming period. The following suggestions may help in utilizing the services of honeybees more efficiently for this purpose:

1. Obtain honeybees from a reliable beekeeper who is able to supply strong, healthy colonies. Weak colonies are of little value for early spring pollination when cool weather is often encountered.
2. Two to three colonies of honeybees per hectare should provide satisfactory pollination for most fruits. In young orchards fewer bees may be required. However, because of the unfavorable weather frequently encountered during the time when the earlier-blooming apricots, cherries and plums are in blossom, the grower may be well-advised to use more bees per hectare. For use with pollen inserts, five colonies per hectare are suggested.
3. Set out the colonies after the blossoms have partially opened (earlier for sweet cherries). This will encourage a greater number of bees to work on the fruit blossoms in the surrounding orchard rather than to forage elsewhere. This consideration is extremely important for the effective use of pollen inserts.
4. Since cool weather is often encountered during fruit bloom, encourage maximum honeybee flight by giving the colonies some protection from cold spring winds. Place the colonies in small groups in sunny, sheltered locations. Where no natural windbreak is available, it is wise to erect a temporary wind shelter. Bales of straw are quite satisfactory for this purpose. Try to place the colonies so that the morning sunshine will strike the hive entrances.

NOTE: Pollination cannot be expected to produce results in orchards that are suffering from nutritional deficiencies, insect or disease problems, poor drainage, or other adverse conditions. Do not expect greatly improved crops from the use of bees and pollen inserts until such deficiencies have been corrected.

A pollen insert is a device that can be inserted into the entrance to a honeybee colony in such a way that bees leaving the hive are forced to crawl through a shallow tray containing pollen from the desired pollinizer. Sufficient pollen will usually adhere to the legs and body of each foraging bee to enable it to cross-pollinate the blossoms it visits. For additional information on the use of pollen inserts, consult the Horticultural Crop Advisor serving your area, or the Department of Environmental Biology, University of Guelph.

REDUCE BEE POISONING

Bees are essential for the pollination of most tree and small fruits. Insecticides, many of which kill bees, are required for insect control. With careful management, you can obtain both pollination and insect control. You can protect the bees by following these suggestions:

1. **Do not apply insecticides while tree fruits are in bloom. The "Bees Act" makes it an offence to do so in Ontario.**
2. Remove honeybee colonies as soon as pollination is complete and before any postbloom insecticides are applied.
3. Time of treatment is important. In general, daytime treatments, when bees are foraging in the field, are most hazardous. Insecticide applications in the very early morning or evening are safest.

4. If there is a risk of honeybee poisoning, try to choose an insecticide that is not highly toxic to the bees (use pesticide rating, page 8).
5. Honeybees frequently are poisoned by visiting cover crops, such as dandelions or clovers, that are in bloom in the orchard. Clipping or beating down such crops prior to spraying will help safeguard the bees.

Extremely Toxic to Bees – Furadan, Sevin

These insecticides have caused more loss (confirmed cases of poisoning) to bees than any of the other materials listed below. Fruit growers and apiarists require close liaison where these materials are applied.

The following groups (chemicals used with fruit crops) show the relative toxicity of pesticides to honeybees as determined by laboratory and field tests in California.

Group I – Pesticides Highly Toxic to Bees

Severe losses may be expected if the following materials are used when bees are present at treatment time or within a few days thereafter:

Ambush	Elgetol	Phosdrin
APM	Furadan	Pounce
Belmark	Guthion	Ripcord
Cygon	Imidan	Sevin
Cymbush	malathion	Supracide
Decis	parathion	Vydate
diazinon		

Group II – Pesticides Moderately Toxic to Bees

These can be used around bees if dosage, timing, and method of application are correct, but should not be applied directly on bees, in the field or at the colonies:

Carzol	Pirimor	Thiodan
Dikar	Systox	Zolone
Lannate		

Group III – Pesticides Relatively Non-Toxic to Bees

Benlate	Equal	Phaltan
Bordeaux	ferbam	phygon
captan	Funginex	Polyram
Cyprex	Karathane	Ridomil
Dichlone	Kelthane	Rotenone
Difolatan	Kumulus	Rovral
Dithane	Manzate	Sayfos
Dyrene	Morestan	sulfur
Easout	methoxychlor	zineb
ethion	Omite	

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Much has been said in recent years about integrated pest management and reduced use of pesticides. In Ontario, integrated pest management has been a part of the pest control program. While it is not possible at this time to include a complete integrated pest management program in the recommendations, significant progress has been made and growers are urged to take advantage of the additional information.

THE CONCEPT

In the late 1960s, it became apparent that total reliance on chemical pesticides for pest control was not a good practice. A decision was made to move as quickly as possible to more efficient use of pesticides in Ontario agriculture. The concept of integrated pest control was adopted. This involves all possible methods of pest control, including various horticultural practices, to maintain pests at low levels so that they do not cause economic damage.

In Ontario, the first major program of integrated pest management was developed with the peach crop. Success in that area has permitted expansion into other crops. Presently, much of the progress in pest management has been due to effective methods of monitoring for pests so that treatments are now available on apples, grapes, pears and peaches in the areas of the province with concentrations of these crops.

The programs have provided good control at reduced cost because of a reduced number of spray treatments.

WHAT IS INVOLVED

The keys to successful integrated pest management are: selecting tolerant varieties for new plantings; practicing good sanitation by removing wild hosts that may carry pests; and using sound cultural practices and applying treatments with a properly functioning sprayer. The use of sex pheromones and other attractants by which specific insects can be drawn into traps has been a major development in improving our ability to determine when pests are present and at what levels sprays must be applied.

In addition, pest management includes proper selection of pesticides and dosage rate so that minimum damage is done to beneficial parasites and predators. Spray applications are then timed to critical stages in the development of the pest. There is, thus, an intensive involvement of the Horticultural Crop Advisor, Pest Management Specialist, and the grower working as a team to arrive at the best control practice. This is not a program on which farmers can embark on their own. Rather, they should be in regular contact with the Horticultural Crop Advisor or Pest Management Specialist to develop and carry out their program.

How to Get Information

The Plant Industry Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food has developed a network of Agri-phones (page 2) that will provide for specific areas data on weather, horticultural advice, the status of insect and disease pests, and general information of value to the grower in planning the crop production program. Agri-phones are not available in all areas and it is important that the grower check with the Horticultural Crop Advisor (page 2) to determine if the information needed for a pest management program is available in the area, and how to get involved in the program.

In order to make pest monitoring and advisory services more available to growers, local Pest Management Specialists have been provided to work with Horticultural Crop Advisors in Ontario.

PESTICIDE DRIFT

Pesticide drift can leave unwanted residues on adjacent crops, be a hazard to people and livestock nearby, or reduce the amount of material in the target area so that it is ineffective. Those applying pesticides should make every effort to minimize or prevent pesticide spray drift by paying attention to:

1. correct calibration and maintenance of spray equipment
2. correct operation of the equipment
3. the toxicity of the pesticide in use
4. the weather conditions

For more information consult OMAF Factsheet, *Pesticide Drift*, Agdex 607 or Canadex 607, *Pesticides: Effects of Drift and Droplet Size*.

PESTICIDE INJURY TO CROPS

Although insecticides and fungicides have been selected and formulated to avoid plant injury, damage can still occur under some conditions. In addition to the precautions mentioned in this publication, there are a number of other precautions which should be observed:

1. Apply sprays when the drying condition is fast. Some chemicals break down to components which are injurious to plant tissues if they are permitted to stay wet.
2. Apply sprays when the temperature is below 27°C. The spray deposits serve as a lens and concentrate the heat on the plant tissues.
3. Be particularly careful when plants have been under growth stress such as prolonged periods of drought, excessive cloud cover, extremely low or high temperatures.
4. Apply sprays soon after mixing. Undesired chemical change may take place with some chemicals if the sprays remain in the tank for prolonged lengths of time, e.g. overnight. In other cases, the chemicals may settle out and clog the lines.

PEST RESISTANCE TO INSECTICIDES, FUNGICIDES AND MITICIDES

Pests are said to be resistant when they are able to survive exposure to rates of pesticides that previously controlled them. Generally, resistance to a pesticide develops after repeated exposure to a specific chemical. Resistance occurs because a few naturally occurring resistant individuals survive after each spray, while the susceptible portion of the population is killed. These resistant survivors multiply and gradually replace the susceptible ones. Eventually only a resistant population remains, which cannot be controlled by the pesticide.

The development of resistance to pesticides can occur very quickly. The same chemical should not be used repeatedly without being alternated with a different chemical or without being used in combination with other chemicals having a different mode of action. This practise will reduce the likelihood of resistance developing in the pest population.

You should be aware that there are many chemicals which are the same or have the same mode of action, and which are marketed under different brand names; for example, the chemical dodine is marketed under the brand names CYPREX and EQUAL. Another important point is that

different chemicals may have the same mode of action; for example, both Benlate and Easout act on the same site in the fungus and, therefore, have the same mechanism of control. Using Benlate after Easout is equivalent to using Benlate after Benlate, so resistance develops to both chemicals at the same time, even though only one may have been used repeatedly. This point is also true for the many synthetic pyrethroids.

Ask the horticultural crops advisor or pest management specialist in your area, if you are unsure of which pesticides to alternate.

INSECTICIDES

SYNTHETIC PYRETHROIDS – Tentiform leafminer has become resistant to all synthetic pyrethroids (Ambush and Pounce, Belmark, Decis, Cymbush and Ripcord) in several orchards in Ontario. The repeated use of this pesticide family (more than once per season) is not encouraged because it reduces the number of beneficial insects and also results in the development of resistance in pest populations.

It has already been documented in western North America that Pear Psylla populations are resistant to pyrethroids. A preliminary study of pear orchards in the Niagara peninsula indicates that some Pear Psylla populations are resistant to synthetic pyrethroids.

It is feared that resistance will build up in the Pear Psylla population if the synthetic pyrethroids are used more than once per season.

LANNATE – Several cases of Tentiform Leafminer resistance to Lannate have been documented in Norfolk County.

FUNGICIDES

If you find that a well-timed fungicide application fails to control a disease at rates which previously controlled it, you should consider the possibility of resistance to the chemical by the pest organism.

BENLATE/EASOUT – Cases of resistant apple scab have been documented in most of the apple growing areas of the Province. Resistance to Benlate has also been documented for brown rot on peaches and cherries, as well as for *Botrytis* on strawberries and grapes.

CYPREX/EQUAL – Apple scab has developed resistance to these identical chemicals in a moderate percentage of orchards in most of the apple growing areas of the Province. Resistance to Cyprex/Equal is persistent for many years once it is established in an orchard. These chemicals will then no longer control apple scab.

ROVRAL – *Botrytis*, the casual agent of bunch rot of grapes, has developed resistance in many vineyards after 4 years of use. Resistance is expected to develop to grey mould in strawberry fields as well. However, the resistant form of the fungus does not survive well, and declines when Rovral is not used for several years. If Rovral is only used once or twice per season, but not consecutively, resistance should remain at low levels and Rovral should remain effective.

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Tests of the brown rot organism on cherries and peaches have indicated no resistant populations to date.

Rovral should not be used more than twice per season in order to delay the development of resistance.

MITICIDES

KELTHANE – European Red Mite resistance to Kelthane was widespread in the late 1960's and a survey in 1984 indicated that it was present in 4% of the apple orchards tested. Resistance to Kelthane is not stable and if the chemical is not used for 3-5 years, the population will gradually lose its resistance. However, if the chemical is used repeatedly, resistance is expected to return quite quickly.

USE OF FUNGINEX (ON STONE FRUIT)

Funginex is a fungicide representing a new family of chemicals – the sterol inhibitors. They control a fungus in a different way from older materials such as captan. Funginex has the ability to enter the fruit or blossom tissue and be taken up by the fungus mycelium. Once in the fungus it interferes with the sterol synthesis system eventually killing the fungus before it can show up on the fruit surface, or produce spores for further spread. Because it acts on the mycelium, rather than on the germination of the spore, Funginex has somewhat less "protective" action than captan, but has longer "curative" action. Since it attacks mycelium, it can be applied at, or just after an infection, with equally good results. Application after wet weather will give better control than will other materials, but application several days prior to wet weather will be less effective than with a "regular" protectant.

Repeated use of Funginex during bloom to control blossom blight could result in the development of resistance. Preferably, it should be used only once per season. Growers should rely on alternative fungicides for additional protection.

DETERMINING INFECTION PERIODS

Venturia inaequalis, the fungus which causes apple scab, has a fairly complex life cycle. An explanation of its biology, and management practises to control scab is described in detail in the fact sheet entitled "Apple Scab", which is available at your local agricultural office.

The fungus overwinters in the previous year's infected leaves on the orchard floor. In the spring spores called "ascospores" are formed. These ascospores are released during periods of rain and infect the newly opening buds. Whether or not infection occurs is dependent upon both the length of the wetting period and the average temperature. This relationship is outlined in Table 2 (page 10).

Infections of new tissue by ascospores produced from last year's leaves are termed "primary infections". Olive green lesions appear on new leaves 10 - 28 days after a primary infection has occurred. These lesions produce another type of spore, termed "conidia" or "summer spores". These conidia are spread by splashing rain and wind, and reinfect the leaves and developing fruit. This type of infection is termed a "secondary infection". Secondary infections (by conidia) will occur in only two-thirds of the wetting time necessary for primary infections (caused by ascospores). See Table 2, page 10.

Infections of either type will happen only if moisture is present for a long enough period of time. To tell whether or not an infection period has occurred, note the time from the start of a rain until the time the foliage dries. This interval is the wetting period. Calculate the average temperature during this wetting period and check Table 2 (Page 10) to see if the leaves were wet long enough for an infection to occur.

Periods of dew or high humidity (over 90%) will also contribute to a wetting period but are significant only if preceded by rain. Calculate the average temperature for the wetting period starting at the beginning of the rainfall. For example, if it rains at 5:00 p.m., and stops at 10:00 p.m., and the leaves remain wet all night with dew, the total wetting period is calculated from the 5:00 p.m. rain until the dew dries the following morning.

If dew occurs at 11:00 p.m. and it rains at 6:00 a.m. the following morning, the wetting period is calculated starting at 6:00 a.m. and until the leaves are dry.

Wet periods during an intermittent rain should be added together to determine an infection period unless these wet periods are separated by 10 hours or more of dry, sunny weather.

The longer the wetting period over the minimum time required for an infection, the greater will be the severity of infection. For example, if the leaves are wet for 8 hours and the average temperature is 10°C no infection period has occurred (see Table 2). If, however, the leaves are wet for 12 hours at this temperature, a moderately severe secondary infection has occurred but no primary infection occurred. At 15 hours, a severe secondary infection, as well as a primary infection have occurred.

**Table 2. RELATIONSHIP OF TEMPERATURE
AND MOISTURE TO APPLE SCAB INFECTION***

Average Temperature °C	Hours of Wetting for Infection	
	Primary	Secondary
26	13	9
24	9	6
22	9	6
20	9	6
18	9	6
16	9	6
14	10	7
12	12	8
11	13	9
10	14	9
9	15	10
8	17	11
7	22	15
6	25	17
5	34	23
1-4	48 +	32 +

*Adapted after Mills.

FUNGICIDE PROGRAMS FOR APPLE SCAB CONTROL

Apple scab control spray programs must begin when the first susceptible green tissue emerges from the buds in the spring.

These scab control programs are based primarily upon timing and the type of fungicide being used. There are three general approaches.

I. PROTECTANT PROGRAM

The basis for this program is the application and maintenance of fungicide material on the expanding foliage prior to the occurrence of infection periods. The program should commence just prior to the first primary infection period (between silver tip and green tip). Apply fungicides at 5-7 day intervals up to First Cover, preferably just prior to each primary infection period. From First Cover until early August, apply fungicides at 10-14 day intervals depending on rainfall frequency. New growth and expanding fruit must be protected and residues washed off by rain must be replaced.

Some fungicides are not readily washed off and the residues are redistributed by rain water. (See Table 3, page 11).

II. DIFOLATAN SINGLE APPLICATION TECHNIQUE

For prolonged scab control early in the season, a high rate of Difolatan may be applied between green tip to half-inch green, before an infection has occurred. Although Difolatan is a protectant fungicide which sticks tightly to the twigs, enough is redistributed by rain water onto the developing leaves to protect them from infection during subsequent rainy periods.

Protection from scab infection may last through pink to petal fall. Normally, follow-up fungicides are necessary from petal fall onward, but under unseasonably wet or dry conditions fungicides may need to be applied starting at full pink.

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Table 3. RETENTION, REDISTRIBUTION AND AFTER-INFECTION ("ERADICANT") ACTIVITY OF SOME FUNGICIDES FOR CONTROL OF PRIMARY APPLE SCAB (ASCOSPORE STAGE ONLY)*

Materials	Maximum After-Infection Activity			Retention	Redistribution
	6°C	12°C	17°C		
Benlate 50 WP (0.5 kg)	48 hr	24 hr	18 hr	Poor-fair	Unknown
Captan 50 WP (2 kg)	48 hr	24 hr	18 hr	Poor-fair	Fair-good
Cyprex 65 WP (0.5 kg)	48 hr	24 hr	18 hr	Good	Good
Dichlone 50 WP (0.5 kg)	96 hr	48 hr	36 hr	Poor-fair	Poor-fair
Dikar WP (2 kg)	48 hr	24 hr	18 hr	Good	Good
Dithane M-45 80 WP (2 kg)	48 hr	24 hr	18 hr	Good	Good
Equal 65 WP (0.5 kg)	48 hr	24 hr	18 hr	Good	Good
Manzate 200 (2 kg)	48 hr	24 hr	18 hr	Good	Good
Phygon 50 WP (0.5 kg)	96 hr	48 hr	36 hr	Poor-fair	Poor-fair
Polyram 80 WP (2 kg)	48 hr	24 hr	18 hr	Good	Good

* Adapted after New York (Geneva) data. These values were obtained from greenhouse tests; rates quoted are per 1000 L. Rate per hectare is 3 times rate per 1000 L. The after-infection activity of these fungicides may not be adequate to control primary apple scab in a commercial orchard. Be very careful and don't rely heavily on the after-infection activity if the maximum time interval for a given temperature is being reached. The after-infection activity is calculated from the start of the wetting period.

III. AFTER-INFECTION "ERADICATION" SPRAYS

An after-infection spray is one that is applied within a specific time after the infection period has begun. The length of time available to apply the fungicide effectively, depends on the product being used and the average temperature. See Table 3 (page 11). When calculating after-infection activity, you must start counting the time interval at the beginning of the wetting period. For example, at 6°C you would have to apply captan within 48 hours of the BEGINNING of the wetting period.

After-infection fungicide programs should not be relied upon entirely to control scab. In order to use this type of spray programme successfully, you need spray equipment capable of providing good spray coverage under adverse conditions, as well as accurate temperature and leaf wetness information for your individual orchard.

Eradicant sprays are usually considered as emergency treatments when the regular protectant programme has been weak or ineffective.

Before applying a fungicide **after** an infection period has occurred, check its after-infection activity (Table 3, page 11).

APPLE SCAB CONTROL UNDER ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Several consecutive days of continuous wet conditions and mild temperatures are common in the spring and are very favourable for apple scab infection to take place. It is often difficult to maintain sufficient fungicide on the trees to provide protection for the rapidly expanding foliage and fruit under such conditions.

If you feel your trees are not protected, it is better to apply a fungicide during a break in the rain, or even during a light rain, than not to spray at all. A fungicide having good retentive properties should be used at such times. For example, Manzate 200 has good retention and after-infection activity, while Benlate has good after-infection activity but poor retention when applied to wet trees.

After-infection sprays may be required when protectant fungicides become too diluted to prevent the apple scab fungus from establishing itself on the foliage or fruit. If the time limit for the after-infection activity (kick-back) of the fungicide (Table 3, page 11) is exceeded it may still be worthwhile to apply the fungicide. Benlate can have antispore activity beyond the stated "After-infection Activity" period in Table 3. Repeat the application in 4 or 5 days if wet weather persists.

If an infection has occurred, scab lesions should become visible on the foliage and fruit in about 9 days at 20°C or in about 14-21 days if the average temperatures are 11°C or lower.

As soon as tissue infections are visible, they should be controlled by following the instructions outlined in the section following entitled, "Deactivation of Established Scab Lesions".

Strong winds can hamper spraying operations by causing pesticides to drift away from the intended target. Spraying at night, or early in the morning, can help to reduce spray drift. Lowering the spray trajectory into the wind may also help, but growers should take extra care to make sure that the tree tops get good spray coverage.

DEACTIVATION OF ESTABLISHED SCAB LESIONS

Apple scab lesions that are visible on the foliage and fruit contain many spores capable of spreading the disease through secondary infection. The fungicides Benlate, Equal, and Cyprex have demonstrated good anti-sporulant activity except where resistance is present (See Page 9).

If resistant scab organisms are not present in your orchard (and apple scab lesions are visible) you can try to deactivate these tissue infections.

Two sprays of Benlate, or Cyprex or Equal should be applied at full rate 5-7 days apart, as soon as scab lesions are observed. These materials reduce the number of spores produced in the lesions and should help to slow the spread of the disease. These "eradicant" sprays should be followed up by a regular protectant program.

FIRE BLIGHT OF APPLE & PEAR

Fire blight is a major problem for the grower of pears and susceptible apples in Ontario. If only the blossoms are infected, and the disease does not spread further, the amount of crop loss is generally insignificant. An explanation of the symptoms and control of fire blight are described in the factsheet entitled "Fire Blight of Apple and Pear", which is available from your local Agriculture office.

A number of practices are required in order to reduce blossom blight on apples, and shoot blight on both apples and pears.

If warm temperatures (18°C+) and rainfall occur during bloom, spray with 100 ppm streptomycin sulfate. *Repeat this spray if the wet conditions persist. Spraying should be carried out under slow drying conditions (e.g. at night) for best results. Spraying following periods of rainfall and after hail injury can reduce shoot infections during the growing season. Caution is advised to ensure a 30-day to harvest interval on pear and 50-day to harvest interval on apple.

All diseased wood should be pruned out in the dormant season. New infections may be removed in the growing season, but this is not always practical. Cut or break out infections at least 45 cm below any discolored wood.

"Disinfect tools with a household bleach (6% sodium hypochlorite) solution (one part bleach in four parts water). Store bleach solution in a closed plastic or glass container. After use, wash tools and oil them to prevent rust. Denatured alcohol (ethanol) is a better disinfectant than the bleach solution and will not rust tools."

Insect pests such as aphids, psylla, leafhoppers and plant bugs should be controlled as they may transmit fire blight from infected to healthy trees. In a non-bearing orchard, Bordeaux (3-5-1000) may be substituted for streptomycin. However, Bordeaux is less effective than Streptomycin in controlling fire blight.

Excessive nitrogen application should be avoided, since it encourages the growth of succulent tissues (such as suckers) and they are more susceptible to fire blight infections.

It must be remembered that ALL these control methods should be carried out for best results in keeping fire blight to a manageable level in the orchard.

*Agri Mycin 17

100 ppm = 600 g product/1000 L water

PHYTOPHTHORA COLLAR ROT CONTROL

Collar rot problems have been experienced in several situations where heavy soil, poor drainage or replanting in old orchard sites occurred. This disease, caused by a long lived soil-borne fungus (*Phytophthora cactorum*), is especially damaging to apple trees grown on M106 rootstock. Trees on M26 and M111 rootstocks are intermediate in susceptibility, while M7A and M9 rootstocks are moderately resistant.

Where concern for collar rot is present before planting, do not use susceptible rootstocks.

For problem areas, Ridomil 240EC is registered for use on NON-BEARING trees only. Apply Ridomil 240EC as a drench to the soil around the base of the tree. Use 4.25 ml in 5 L of water per tree. Make the first application at planting and repeat in late August. In subsequent non-bearing years, apply Ridomil 240EC in the early spring and again in late August. This treatment will suppress fungal growth and development. However, the fungus will survive in the soil. Long-term control should include resistant rootstocks and proper site selection.

BORDEAUX MIXTURE

Generally, Bordeaux sprays are recommended as dormant applications. The lime interacts with the copper sulfate to reduce the burning action (phytotoxicity) that would occur if the copper sulfate were used alone. For this reason, most Bordeaux mixtures are in a ratio of 3 parts lime to 1 part copper sulfate. The copper component provides most of the activity that Bordeaux has on fungal and bacterial diseases.

BORDEAUX FORMULAS

In any Bordeaux formula, the numbers refer to kilograms of ingredients and any amount of water. These are always listed in the same order with the copper sulfate first, then the lime, and the water last (eg. Bordeaux 4-6-1000 L means 4 Kg of Copper sulfate and 6 Kg of lime in 1000 L of water).

NOTE: Bordeaux mixtures are extremely corrosive and, therefore, sprayers should be washed thoroughly after use. A protective coating of oil may help prevent the Bordeaux from bonding to the paint, thus making washing easier.

To Tank-Mix Bordeaux

1. Start water flowing into the spray tank.
2. When the tank is about one-third full and the mechanical agitator is in operation, start washing the powdered copper sulphate into the tank through a screen with water from the supply hose. A wooden spoon is often helpful in working powdered copper sulphate through the screen. The screen is necessary to avoid large granules of copper sulfate from getting into the tank. Pre-mixing copper sulfate with hot water has been shown to help the product dissolve.
3. By the time the tank is two-thirds full, all of the powdered copper sulphate should be in the tank. Then wash the lime (hydrated or builders') through the screen, using the water-supply hose, into the copper sulphate solution in the tank. The lime should be as diluted as possible before it meets the copper sulphate solution in the tank, so use lots of water to wash the

lime through the screen. Pre-soaking the lime before adding to the tank may be preferred to washing powdered lime directly through the screen into the tank.

4. Keep the agitator running continuously and apply the Bordeaux Mixture immediately. Do not allow the mixture to settle out.

GUIDE FOR SPRAYING TREE FRUITS

The procedures for efficient use of orchard sprayers are contained in Publication 373, Orchard Sprayers. Though this information was derived mostly from apple orchards, the general principles of spray information, and the operation and maintenance of equipment apply equally well to spraying of peaches, pears, plums and cherries. The following points should be stressed:

1. The sprayer must be large enough to cover the orchard in the time available and under adverse conditions.
2. Equipment must be in top condition.
3. Trees must be pruned so that the spray will penetrate easily.
4. Regular checks must be kept on severity of disease, insect pest numbers and stages, and lengths of wetting periods, so that timing will be accurate.
5. The rate of pesticide and the volume of water required will vary depending upon the individual situation. The rates in the spray calendar are based on spraying trees 4.5-5.5m in height. Trees larger or smaller MAY require more or less pesticide. See Table A. As well, the volume of water required to spray the tree will vary because of application equipment, tree size, and target pest. The original so-called "Dilute" rate was based on spraying a standard tree to run-off. For trees 4.5-5.5m, this is now considered to be 3,000 L/ha. Again, this volume can be adjusted up or down depending upon tree size. See Table A. Many growers successfully adjust rate of pesticide/ha by changing the volume they apply, either by cutting off certain nozzles, or by changing driving speed. This allows greater flexibility in farms with various-sized trees, while maintaining the same amount of chemical put in each full tank of water.

NOTE: Companies are not liable for failure due to use of rates below those recommended on their labels.

TABLE A

Tree Height	Pesticide/ha	Water/ha for Dilute Spraying
6m and over	1-1/3 × recommended rate	4000 L
4.5-5.5m	full recommended rate	3000 L
2.5-3m	2/3 × recommended rate	2000 L

6. Both low volume applications and low rates of chemical have resulted in increased populations of scales, mites and woolly aphid, especially in treetops.

For oil sprays, enough spray liquid must be used to soak the bark completely. When spraying streptomycin for fireblight, higher volumes are also required for maximum absorption of material. Suggested volumes are below.

TABLE B

Water Volumes for Special Pests

Trees 6m and over	— 4500 L water/ha
Trees 4.5-5.5m	— 4000 L water/ha
Trees 2.5-3m	— 3500 L water/ha

Calibrating the Sprayer

See page 24 of Publication 373, or follow this shortened version.

Refer to Table 4 below on driving time per hectare.

Table 4. SPRAYING TIME PER HECTARE (Without turning & filling time)

Distance between rows (metres)	Tractor Speeds km/hr	1.6	2.4	3.2	4.0	4.8	5.6	6.4
	Time in Minutes to Drive One Hectare							
3.0	125.0	82.5	62.5	50.0	41.25	35.0	31.0	
4.6	82.5	55.0	41.25	33.0	27.5	23.5	20.5	
6.1	62.5	41.25	31.0	25.0	20.5	17.75	15.5	
7.6	50.0	33.0	25.0	20.0	16.5	14.0	12.5	
9.1	41.25	27.5	20.5	16.5	13.75	11.75	10.25	
10.7	35.25	23.5	17.75	14.0	11.75	10.0	8.75	
12.2	31.0	20.5	15.5	12.5	10.25	9.5	7.75	

Proceed through the following seven steps:

1. Check tractor speed:

Table 5. TIME REQUIRED TO PASS A NUMBER OF TREES AT DIFFERENT DRIVING SPEEDS

Tractor IN THE ROW TREE SPACINGS (Metres)							
Speed km/h	6.1	7.6	9.1	10.0	10.7	12.2	
	Time (Seconds) to Pass 10 Trees						
2.4	91	114	136	150	159	182	
3.2	68	85	102	112	119	136	
4.0	54	68	82	90	95	109	
4.8	45	58	70	77	82	94	
5.6	39	49	58	64	68	78	
6.4	34	43	51	56	60	68	

2. Make a sprayer-tank measuring stick marked off in units of 50L.
3. From the chart find the number of minutes needed to spray a hectare at the speed recommended for your sprayer.
4. Decide how many litres of liquid per hectare you wish to use (considering time available, size of sprayer, size of trees, and time of day spraying will be done).
5. Find the sprayer output required thus:

$$\frac{\text{litres per hectare}}{\text{time per hectare}} = \text{litres per minute (for all nozzles)}$$
6. Divide this output by the number of nozzles:

$$\frac{\text{litres per minute}}{\text{number of nozzles}} = \text{litres per minute per nozzle}$$
7. From manufacturer's chart* find a nozzle to give this output. Then choose nozzles with smaller outputs for top and bottom positions and larger ones for the upper third of each side. When added, the total output should be close to the value shown in No. 5 (L. per min). For small trees, block off one or two of the top nozzles and shut off between trees to prevent waste of spray.

* Pages 40-47, Publication 373, Orchard Sprayers.

AIRCRAFT APPLICATION

Aerial applicators must be licensed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to apply pesticides. In addition, permits are required from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment under the authority of The Pesticides Act 1973 for the application of Schedule 1 and 5 pesticides, and Schedule 2 hormone-type herbicides. The area will be inspected by Ministry personnel to ensure safety of application.

It is an offense under the Federal Pest Control Product Act to use a control product under unsafe conditions. Precautionary practices must be heeded at all times to prevent drift. Extra precautions should be taken when using insecticides applied by air, especially those known to be toxic to honeybees, e.g. Sevin (carbaryl).

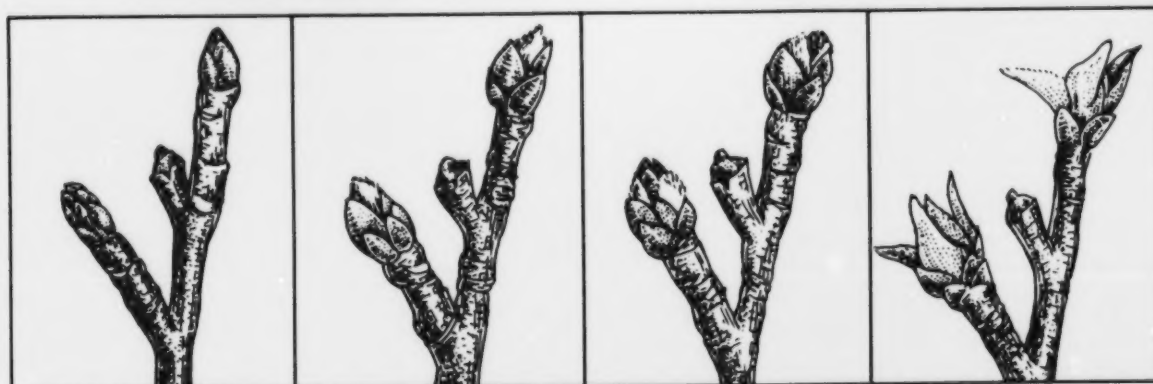
Applications should not be made if the wind is blowing. Some drift occurs even on the stillest day. To keep drift to a minimum, apply pesticides in the evening or early morning.

Be sure that the product to be used and its rate of application are specified in the contract.



FIGURE 1. APPLE BUD STAGES

APPLE GROWTH STAGES*



DORMANT

SILVER TIP

GREEN TIP

HALF INCH GREEN



TIGHT CLUSTER

EARLY PINK

PINK

BLOOM



PETAL FALL

FRUIT SET

TERMINAL GROWTH

REGROWTH

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APPLES

For trees more than 5.5 m or less than 4.5 m high, adjust rates as indicated on page 13, Guide for Spraying.

Read the label and follow all safety precautions. For dilute spraying refer to page 13, "GUIDE FOR SPRAYING TREE FRUITS"

DISEASES AND INSECTS		MATERIALS		AMOUNT PER HECTARE		COMMENTS
TIME TO SPRAY						
DORMANT		San Jose Scale European Fruit Scale Lecanium Scale	Superior Oil (60-70 vis.)	Trees 4.5 to 5.5 m high 65 L		Apply full rate of oil in 2000-3000 L of water/ha. 3000 L will give best results. On large standard trees, use 90 L of oil in 4500 L of water/ha. DO NOT APPLY FULL RATE OF OIL MORE THAN ONCE PER SEASON.
OIL MAY CAUSE BARK INJURY ON RED DELICIOUS, EMPIRE AND MUTSU						
GREEN TIP up to HALF-INCH GREEN	Scab	Consult Horticultural Crop Advisor for stage of spore development. Apply fungicide before spore release and keep growing leaves coated.				
	Protectants					
	Use one of: single application technique	For protection until petal fall (see page 11). Do not prune after application.				
	OR					
	Group A	Difolatan 480 Flowable	45 L	It is generally advisable to alternate materials in a spray program. Do not apply Phygon or Dichlone for 5 days after frost injury, or if there is any danger of frost. Consult label. When used in a full season program, Dikar at 6.75 kg/ha will suppress orchard mites. Higher water volumes aid in mite suppression. Consult label. Manzate 200 and Dithane M-45 may cause fruit injury on Golden Delicious.		
After-infection Spray ("Eradicants")	Use one of:	(1) Polyram 80 DF	6.00 kg	For after-infection activity, see Table 3, page 11. Do not apply Phygon or Dichlone for 5 days after frost injury or if there is any danger of frost.		
		(2) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP	6.75 kg			
		(3) Phygon-XL 50% WP or Dichlone 50% WP	4.25 kg			
		(4) Dikar WP	850 g			
Red Mite Rosy aphid	superior oil (60-70 vis.)	(5) Manzate 200 80% WP or Dithane M-45 80 WP	850 g	DO NOT APPLY FULL RATE OF OIL MORE THAN ONCE PER SEASON. Apply full rate of oil in 2000-3000 L of water per hectare. 3000 L will give best results. Test the stability of the emulsion by shaking in a jar. On large standard trees, use 90 L of oil in 4500 L of water/ha.		
		Use one of:	6.75 kg			
		(1) Phygon-XL 50% WP or Dichlone 50% WP	6.75 kg			
		(2) Polyram 80 DF	1.75 kg			
Red Mite	superior oil concentrate	(3) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP	6.00 kg	For Red Mite only. For compatibility with other chemicals consult label.		
		(4) Dikar WP	6.75 kg			
		6.75 kg	4.25 kg			
		6.75 kg	6.75 kg			
OIL MAY CAUSE BARK INJURY ON RED DELICIOUS, EMPIRE AND MUTSU						
For Red Mite only. For compatibility with other chemicals consult label.						

Rosy aphid

Scab

Pirimor 50 WP 1.7 kg

With superior oil or superior oil concentrate use one of:

- (1) Polyram 80 DF 6.00 kg
- (2) Dithane M-45 80% WP 6.75 kg
- or Manzate 200 80% WP 6.75 kg

Add fungicide to tank when 1/4 to 1/2 full of water and mix thoroughly. Add superior oil last when tank is at least 3/4 full of water.

Dithane M-45 and Manzate 200 may cause fruit injury on Golden Delicious.

Powdery mildew

Use one of:

- (1) Dikar WP 8.4 kg
- (2) Karathane WD 18.25% WP 3.5 kg
- (3) Easout 70% WP plus 6.25 g
- (4) Benlate 50% WP plus 3.25 kg (6.75)
- Polyram 80 DF 1.1 kg
- (5) Benlate 50% WP plus 3.0 kg (6.0)
- (6) Benlate 50% WP plus 1.1 kg
- (7) Benlate 50% WP plus 3.25 kg (6.75)
- Manzate 200 80% WP 1.1 kg
- (7) Sulfur 90-95% WP 3.25 kg (6.75)
- 10.0 kg

Where mildew is a problem on varieties such as Idared, Jonathan, Cortland, and Tolman Sweet, spray at weekly intervals from bud burst until the terminal buds are formed (usually at 2nd cover).

Materials (2) and (7) must be used with one of the scab protectant fungicides in Group A above for scab control. For scab control with mixtures (3), (4), (5), and (6) use the higher rates in brackets.

TIGHT CLUSTER PINK

Tentiform leaf miner

Do not use sulfur on Delicious.

Apply thorough spray coverage on trunk and scaffold limbs. Consult agri-phone for timing.

This treatment will also control early spring-feeding caterpillars and tarnished plant bug. Further treatments with Lannate may be required during the season because the leafminer is now resistant to Guthion, Imidan and Zolone. Consult Horticultural Crop Advisor.

Scab

Use one of scab protectant fungicides listed in Green Tip except Difolatan. See page 12 for "adverse weather conditions."

Use one of:

- (1) ferbam 76% WDG 2.5 kg
- (2) Dikar WP 6.75 kg
- (3) Polyram 80 DF 6.00 kg
- (4) Dithane M-45 80% WP 6.75 kg

Include in each spray up to and including FIRST COVER.

Cedar apple rust

Quince rust

Fire blight

Agri-Mycin 17 100 ppm

600 g/1000L

Plant bugs

Use one of:

- (1) Cygon 480 E 2.5 L
- (2) Supracide 240 EC 6.9 L

High volume spraying preferable. Use alone for best results. Also see page 12.

Where troublesome, add to one spray before bloom. Will also control spring-feeding caterpillars and green fruitworm.

¹Minimum period before reentry is 24 hours.

* Repeated applications of synthetic pyrethroids are discouraged. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

APPLES (Continued)			
For trees more than 5.5 m or less than 4.5 m high, adjust rates as indicated on page 13, Guide for Spraying.			
DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE Trees 4.5 to 5.5 m high	COMMENTS
Spring-feeding caterpillars Green fruit-worm	Use one of: (1) ² Guthion 50% WP or ² APM 50 W (2) Zolone 30% WP or Zolone Flo (3) ¹ Supracide 240 EC	2.1 kg 2.1 kg 3.25 kg 2.0 L 6.6 L	This spray is not necessary if a synthetic pyrethroid was applied for tentiform leaf miner.
FULL PINK	Scab	Use one of scab protectant fungicides listed in Green Tip except Difolatan. See page 12 for "adverse weather conditions."	
Fire blight	Agri-Mycin 17 100 ppm	600g/1000L	High volume spraying preferable. Use alone for best results. Also see page 12.
Red Mite	Use one of: (1) Morestan 25% WP (2) Carzol 92 SP (3) Omite 30W	2.25 kg 1.1 kg 5.5 kg	Miticides are most effective when used alone. Consult the agriphone for stage of mite development. Alternate miticides. Morestan aids in powdery mildew control. Do not use Morestan if oil was used later than HALF-INCH GREEN. Carzol is harsh on beneficial mite species and bees. Application before PETAL FALL is preferred.
RESISTANCE TO MITICIDES IS INCREASING IN ONTARIO ORCHARDS. SEE "PEST RESISTANCE" PAGE 9.			
Rosy Aphid	(1) Pirimor 50 WP (2) Zolone 30% WP or Zolone Flo (3) Cygon 480 E (4) Systox 240 SC (5) Supracide 240 EC	1.7 kg 3.25 kg 2.0 L 4.25 L 3.25 L 6.6 L	Preferred time for control. See note on bee toxicity, page 7. Cygon may cause russetting.
BLOOM PERIOD	Scab	DO NOT APPLY INSECTICIDES WHILE APPLE TREES ARE IN BLOOM. See page 7. Use one of protectant fungicides listed in Green Tip except Difolatan. See page 12 for "adverse weather conditions." Do not apply Phygon or Dichlone at the full eradicant rate (1.75 kg/ha) during bloom.	
Fire blight	Agri-Mycin 17 100 ppm	600g/1000L	High volume spraying preferable. Use alone for best results. Also see page 12.
POLLINATION	Most varieties are commercially self-unfruitful and require mixed variety plantings and insects for cross-pollination. Honeybees find apple blossoms attractive. See also page 7. Remove bees before applying CALYX spray.		
CALYX When most petals have fallen	Scab	Use one of the fungicides recommended in the GREEN TIP to HALF-INCH GREEN stage (except Phygon, Dichlone and Difolatan)	
Tentiform leaf miner	¹ Lannate L	6.75 L	For tentiform leaf miner, control when the mines become visible on undersurface of initial leaves. Do not apply to Early McIntosh or Wealthy apple varieties.

Rosy Aphid

- (1) Pirimor 50 WP 1.70 kg
- (2) Zolone 30% WP 3.25 kg
or Zolone Flo 2.00 L
- (3) Cygon 480 E 4.25 L
- (4) Systox 240 SC 3.25 L
- (5) Supracide 240 EC 6.60 L

Cygon may cause russetting.

Also controls oystershell scale.

Mullein leaf bug

- Use one of:
- (1) diazinon 50% WP 3.25 kg
 - *(2) Belmark 300 EC 450 mL
 - (3) Lannate L 6.75 L
 - *(4) Ambush 500 EC 400 mL

Timing is critical. Contact your Pest Management Specialist or Horticultural Crop Advisor prior to spray application if mullein bugs are numerous, or if orchard has had this problem in the past.

Oystershell scale

- Use one of:
- (1) Guthion 50% WP 2.1 kg
 - (2) Supracide 240 EC 6.6 L

Apply as soon as petals are off.

Plum curculio Caterpillars

- Use one of:
- (1) Guthion 50% WP 2.1 kg
or APM 50 W 2.1 kg
 - (2) Imidan 50% WP 3.75 kg
 - (3) Zolone 30% WP 5.0 kg
or Zolone Flo 3.0 L
 - *(4) Ambush 500 EC 400 mL
or Pounce 384 EC 520 mL
 - *(5) Belmark 300 EC 450 mL
 - *(6) Ripcord 400 EC 250 mL
or Cymbush 12.5 WP 800 g

FIRST COVER 7 to 10 days after CALYX

Scab

An extra scab spray may be required between CALYX and FIRST COVER spray.

See page 12 for "adverse weather conditions." Use one of the fungicides recommended in Green Tip except Difolatan, Phygon and Dichlone.

Plum curculio

Use one of the insecticides listed under CALYX

Red Mite Two-spotted Spider Mite

- Use one of:
- (1) Kelthane AP-35 4.5 kg
 - (2) Carzol 92 SP 1.1 kg
 - (3) Omite 30W 5.5 kg

Kelthane should not be used more than once a year to delay the development of resistance. See "Pest Resistance", page 9. If this was your first mite spray a repeat application with an alternate miticide may be necessary in 14 days. Miticides are best used alone. Carzol is harsh on beneficial mite species and bees.

RESISTANCE TO MITICIDES IS INCREASING IN ONTARIO ORCHARDS. SEE "PEST RESISTANCE" PAGE 9.

Rosy Aphid

- (1) Pirimor 50 WP 1.70 kg
- (2) Zolone 30% WP 3.25 kg
or Zolone Flo 2.00 L
- (3) Cygon 480 E 4.25 L
- (4) Systox 240 SC 3.25 L
- (5) Supracide 240 EC 6.60 L

Cygon may cause russetting.

Also controls oystershell scale.

¹ Minimum period before reentry is 24 hours ² Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours *repeated applications of synthetic pyrethroids are discouraged. See "Pest Resistance," page 9.

SECOND COVER 10 days later		Use one of the fungicides recommended in Green Tip except Difolatan, Phygon, and Dichlone.	
Scab	Codling moth	Use one of:	
		(1) Imidan 50% WP	3.75 kg
		(2) ² Guthion 50% WP	2.1 kg
		or ² APM 50 W	2.1 kg
		(3) Zolone 30% WP	3.25 kg
		or Zolone Flo	2.0 L
		(4) Sevin 50% WP	3.25 kg
		or Sevin 85% WP	2.0 kg
		* (5) Ambush 500 EC	400 mL
		or Pounce 384 EC	520 mL
		* (6) Belmark 300 EC	350 mL
		* (7) Ripcord 400 EC	250 mL
		or Cymbush 12.5% WP	800 g
Green apple aphid Rosy Aphid		Add one if aphids are abundant:	
		(1) Pirimor 50 WP	1.70 kg
		(2) Zolone 30% WP	3.25 kg
		or Zolone Flo	2.00 L
		(3) Cygon 480 E	4.25 L
		(4) Systox 240 SC	3.25 L
		(5) Thiodan 50% WP	3.25-4.5 kg
		(6) diazinon 50% WP	3.25 kg
Diazinon, Cygon and Zolone will also control codling moth. Pirimor will also control white apple leafhopper. Zolone will also control woolly apple aphid. Cygon may cause russetting. Thiodan may also control white apple leafhopper. Check the label for recommended rate.			
THIRD COVER 10 days later		Use one of:	
Scab	Group A	(1) Polyram 80 DF	6.00 (4.5 kg)
		(2) captan 50% WP	6.75 (3.25 kg)
		or captan 80% WP	4.25 (2.25 kg)
		(3) Dikar WP	6.75 (5.0 kg)
		(4) Manzate 200 80% WP	6.75 (5.0 kg)
		or Dithane M-45 80 WP	6.75 (5.0 kg)
If scab is controlled in your orchard use the lower rate given in brackets. Manzate 200 and Dithane M-45 may cause fruit injury to Golden Delicious			
Codling moth Apple maggot		Use one of:	
		(1) Imidan 50% WP	3.75 kg
		(2) ² Guthion 50% WP	2.1 kg
		or ² APM 50 W	2.1 kg
		(3) Zolone 30% WP	5.0 kg
		or Zolone Flo	3.0 L
		(4) Cygon 480 E	4.25 L
		(5) Sevin 50% WP	6.75 kg
		or Sevin 85% WP	4.25 kg
		(6) diazinon 50% WP	3.25 kg
		(7) Ambush 500 EC	400 mL
		or Pounce 384 EC	520 mL
		(8) Belmark 300 EC	350 mL
		(9) Ripcord 400 EC	250 mL
		or Cymbush 12.5 WP	800 g
Cygon may not give sufficient apple maggot control for fresh market apples, and may cause russetting.			
Green apple aphid	See under SECOND COVER.		

DO NOT SPRAY CLOSER TO HARVEST THAN THE NUMBER OF DAYS GIVEN IN TABLE 18, page 76.

Use one of the fungicides recommended for **THIRD COVER**.

Use one of the insecticides recommended for **THIRD COVER**.
For early apple varieties observe the days to harvest interval (see Table 18, page 76.)

Use one of the fungicides recommended for **THIRD COVER**.

- Use one of:
- (1) Imidan 50% WP 3.75 kg
 - (2) Guthion 50% WP 2.1 kg
or APM 50 W 2.1 kg
 - (3) Zolone 30% WP 5.0 kg
or Zolone Flo 3.0 L
 - (4) Sevin 50% WP 6.75 kg
or Sevin 85% WP 4.25 kg
 - (5) diazinon 50% WP 3.25 kg
 - *(6) Ambush 500 EC 400 mL
 - *or Pounce 384 EC 520 mL
 - *(7) Ripcord 400 EC 250 mL
or Cymbush 12.5% WP 800 g

Use one of the fungicides recommended for **THIRD COVER**.

Use one of the insecticides recommended for **FIFTH COVER**.

- Use one of:
- (1) captan 50% WP 6.75 kg
or captan 80% WP 4.25 kg
 - (2) Benlate 50% WP 625 g
plus captan 50% WP 3.25 kg
 - (3) zineb 80% WP 4.25 kg
 - (4) Phaltan 50% WP 6.75 kg
- Repeat application of captan in two weeks.
- Both captan and Benlate will control Bull's Eye Rot. All materials provide some protection against other storage rots.

Use one of the fungicides recommended for **THIRD COVER**.
Do not use fungicides closer than the stated preharvest interval.

Use one of the insecticides recommended for **FIFTH COVER**.

²Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.
* Repeated applications of synthetic pyrethroids are discouraged.
See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

APPLES (Continued)

For trees more than 5.5 m or less than 4.5 m high, adjust rates as indicated on page 13, Guide for Spraying.

DISEASES AND INSECTS		MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE		COMMENTS
TIME TO SPRAY	SPECIAL SPRAYS		HECTARE	Trees 4.5 to 5.5 m high	
White apple leafhopper		Use one of:			Spray when large numbers of nymphs (2-5 per leaf) are observed. Control of adults is very difficult.
		(1) Pirimor 50 WP	1.7 kg		
		(2) Carzol 92 SP	1.1 kg		
Bud moth	Red-banded leafroller	(3) Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 85% WP	3.25 kg	2.0 kg	See above for codling moth and apple maggot control. Do not use parathion on McIntosh, Cortland, Empire and Melba.
		Use one of:			
		(1) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W	2.1 kg		
Woolly apple aphid		(2) Imidan 50% WP	2.1 kg		High volumes of water are recommended. Spray coverage of trunk and scaffold limbs is essential. Repeat application in 14 days if woolly apple aphid is still present. Zolone is effective only if it is used in cover spray program. Pirimor will also control white apple leafhopper.
		(3) parathion 15% WP	3.75 kg		
			5.0 kg		
Red mite	Two-spotted mite Rust mite	Use one of:			Kelthane should not be used more than once a year to delay the development of resistance. See "Pest Resistance", page 9. Carzol is harsh on beneficial mite species. Miticides are best used alone. Alternate miticides.
		(1) Kelthane AP-35 or Kelthane 187.5 EC	1.7 kg		
		(2) Carzol 92 SP	6.75 kg		
Tentiform leaf miner		(3) Omite 30 W	3.25 kg		Apply Lannate when new mines show on the lower leaf surface. Do not apply Lannate to Early McIntosh or Wealthy. Apply synthetic pyrethroids (materials 2, 3, 4, 5) when mines are visible on upper leaf surface and moths are abundant. Consult Horticultural Crop Advisor. Belmark should not be used within 60 days of harvest.
			2.0 L		
Dogwood borer Apple bark borer		Use one of:			Soak the trunk. Make 2 applications at 2-3 week intervals when adults are flying (late June to early Aug.) Consult Horticultural Crop Advisor.
		(1) Lannate L	6.75 L		
		* (2) Ambush 500 EC or Pounce 384 EC	400 mL		
		* (3) Belmark 300 EC	520 mL		
		* (4) Decis 2.5 EC	450 mL		
		* (5) Ripcord 400 EC or Cymbush 12.5% WP	500 mL		
			250 mL		
			WP 800 g		

RESISTANCE TO MITICIDES IS INCREASING IN ONTARIO ORCHARDS.
SEE "PEST RESISTANCE", PAGE 9.

GUIDELINES FOR PROTECTING YOUNG NON-BEARING APPLE PLANTINGS

The following program is designed to offer **limited** orchards. Other protective measures include removal of neglected fruit trees in the area, careful selection of intercrops (where used) and a clean, weed-free environment. Rates are for dilute spraying. **Alternate materials are available as shown in the calendar for bearing fruits.**

DISEASES AND INSECTS		AMOUNT PER 1000 L	COMMENTS
TIME TO SPRAY	MATERIALS		
EARLY SPRING	Phytophthora Collar Rot		See page 13.
FIRST SPRAY	Scab Powdery Mildew Cedar Apple Rust	2 kg	When green tissue shows. Repeat at 7- to 10-day intervals if wet weather occurs until late June.
PREBLOOM	Tentiform Leafminer	—	See section for bearing apples, tentiform leafminer, page 17. Consult label for rates.
	Leaf-feeding insects	1.25 kg	Before blossoms open in bearing orchards. Apply when caterpillars are small. Include with one of fungicide sprays. Not necessary if synthetic pyrethroid was used for tentiform leafminer.
BLOOM	Fireblight	600 g	Avoid overstimulating growth. See page 12.
SUMMER SPRAYS	Leaf-feeding insects	1.25 kg	This spray will also control potato leafhoppers.
	Aphids Leafhoppers	500 g 1.25 L 625 mL	Spray if insects become abundant at any time.
	Tentiform leaf miner	3 L	Vydate is very toxic to applicator. Timing is critical. If mines are visible on underleaf surface, consult Horticultural Crop Advisor or Pest Management Specialist prior to use.
	Mites	(1) Morestan 25% WP (2) Omite 30 W	Check foliage frequently for mite injury. Spray if more than 7-10 mites/leaf are observed or at first sign of leaf bronzing. Morestan will also help control powdery mildew.
	Buffalo treehopper		Follow clean cultivation or remove legumes from cover crop.
	Phytophthora collar rot		See page 13.

Root Lesion Nematode. See Page 67 for Postplanting Treatment for nematodes on **NON-BEARING** apples.

**Minimum period before reentry is 24 hours.*

**Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours*

**Minimum period before reentry is 7 days.*

** Repeated applications of synthetic pyrethroids are discouraged.*

See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

APRICOTS

Read the label and follow all safety precautions.

DISEASES TIME TO SPRAY AND INSECTS		MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER 1000 L	AMOUNT PER HECTARE	COMMENTS
DORMANT In late March or early April before buds swell	Red mite	superior oil (see notes)	20.0 L	60.0 L	Rate per 1000 L is based on 11.4 to 13.6 L of spray per mature tree.
PREBLOOM When blossom buds show pink	Brown rot Blossom blight	Use one of: (1) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (2) sulfur 90-95% WP	2.0 kg 1.25 kg 6.0 kg	6.0 kg 3.75 kg 18.0 kg	Apricots are extremely susceptible to brown rot at blossom time and just before picking.
SHUCK-SPLIT When about 50% of shucks have split	Brown rot Plum curculio	Use one of the fungicides listed under PREBLOOM Add one of: (1) ² Guthion 50% WP (2) ³ parathion 15% WP (3) Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 85% WP	625 g 1.5 kg 2.0 kg 1.25 kg	2.0 kg 4.5 kg 6.0 kg 4.25 kg	Apricots are extremely susceptible to brown rot. See notes on bee toxicity, page 7.
SHUCK-FALL 10 to 12 days after last spray	Brown rot Plum curculio	Use same materials as for SHUCK-SPLIT			For peach tree borer refer to treatment as for peaches.
FIRST COVER 10 to 12 days after SHUCK-FALL	Plum curculio	Use one of the materials given for curculio in the SHUCK-SPLIT .			
The addition of Benlate 50% WP at 850 g to captan 50% WP at 4.25 kg/ha will improve brown rot control only where the fungus is not resistant to Benlate.					
PRE-PICK HARVEST	Brown rot	Use one of the fungicides listed under PREBLOOM			Apricots are extremely susceptible to brown rot just before picking. Additional sprays may be required during harvest if conditions are wet.

²Minimum period for reentry is 48 hours.

³Minimum reentry period is 7 days

Notes:

RED MITE: Where this mite has been a problem
add Superior oil 20 L to each 1000 L in the
DORMANT SPRAY; and in the **PREBLOOM** or
at **SHUCK-SPLIT**, spray with one of Kelthane
AP-35 1.1 kg/1000 L or Kelthane 187.5 EC 2.5
L/1000 L; or Omite 30 WP 2.25 kg/1000 L.

POLLINATION: Most varieties are self-fruitful
and may be planted in solid blocks. Since this crop
blooms early when the weather is often unreliable, it
is advisable to provide honeybees to assist in pollen
transfer.

VERTICILLIUM WILT: Do not plant following
tomatoes, strawberries, potatoes, eggplants or pep-
pers. Also do not interplant with these crops.
BACTERIAL SPOT: There is no satisfactory
chemical control. Planting resistant cultivars is
recommended.

CHERRIES (SWEET AND SOUR)

Read the label and follow all safety precautions. For dilute spraying, refer to page 13, "GUIDE FOR SPRAYING TREE FRUITS"

TIME TO SPRAY	DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE		COMMENTS
			Sweet	Sour	
DORMANT In spring when buds are dormant	Black cherry aphid (usually on Sweet Cherry only)	Elgetol (DNOC liquid)	17.0 L	—	If dormant spray could not be applied before buds started moving, use one of the alternate materials when buds are partially open, but before blossoms open.
OR AT BUD BREAK		Use one of: (1) diazinon 50% WP (2) Thiodan 50% WP (3) Zolone 30% WP or Zolone Flo	4.5 kg 4.5 kg 4.5 kg 2.75 L	— — — —	A temperature of at least 21°C, thorough coverage and a calm day are needed for effective aphid control.
PREBLOOM	Red mite (usually on Sour Cherry only)	Superior oil or Morestan 25% WP	— —	65.0 L 2.25 kg	Only needed in Sour Cherry orchards with a heavy mite population. Spray as buds are breaking. Apply oil at 3000 L/ha (dilute rate).
DO NOT APPLY INSECTICIDES WHEN CHERRY TREES ARE IN BLOOM See note on pollination, page 7.					
BLOOM	Brown rot (stem rot and blossom blight stages)	Use one of: (1) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (2) Phygon-XL 50% WP or Dichlone 50% W (3) Phaltan 50% WP (4) Funginex 190 EC	9.0 kg 5.5 kg 1.75 kg 1.75 kg — 2.5 L	6.75 kg 4.25 kg 1.75 kg 1.75 kg 6.75 kg 2.5 L	Spray just before blossom buds open. If wet weather prevails, this spray should be repeated. Do not use Phygon, Dichlone or captan following oil. Do not use Phaltan on Sweet Cherry. Funginex has good eradicant activity. See note "Funginex", page 10.
PETAL FALL	Leaf spot (Sour Cherry only)	(5) Rovral 50% WP	1.75 kg	1.5 kg	Do not apply Rovral more than 1 or 2 times per season, and never in consecutive sprays.
		(6) sulfur 90-95% WP	27.0 kg	20.25 kg	
PETAL FALL	Leaf spot (Sour Cherry only)	Use one of: (1) Cyprex 65% WP or Equal 65% WP (2) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (3) Phaltan 50% WP (4) Benlate 50% WP plus captan 50% WP (5) ferbam 76% WDG	— — — — — —	2.25 kg 2.25 kg 6.75 kg 4.25 kg 6.75 kg 850 g 3.25 kg 6.75 kg	Spray only if rain is forecast between BLOOM and SHUCK sprays. Do not use Phaltan or Cyprex on Sweet Cherry.

CHERRIES

APRICOTS

CHERRIES (SWEET AND SOUR) (Continued)

DISEASES AND INSECTS		AMOUNT PER HECTARE		COMMENTS	
TIME TO SPRAY SHUCK	MATERIALS	Sweet	Sour		
Plum curculio	Use one of: (1) ² Guthion 50% WP or ² APM 50 W (2) Zolone 30% WP or Zolone Flo (3) Imidan 50% WP	2.75 kg 2.75 kg 4.5 kg 2.75 L —	2.00 kg 2.00 kg 3.25 kg 2.0 L 3.75 kg	Spray when most of the shucks are off. Zolone also helps control aphids. Do not use Imidan on Sweet Cherry.	
	Brown rot	Add one of: (1) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (2) Phygon 50% WP or Dichlone 50% WP (3) Phaltan 50% WP (4) Rovral 50% WP (5) sulfur 90-95% WP	9.0 kg 5.5 kg 1.75 kg 1.75 kg — 1.75 kg 27.0 kg	6.75 kg 4.25 kg — — 6.75 kg 1.5 kg —	Phygon or Dichlone are not effective for Leaf Spot. Do not use Phygon or Dichlone on Sour Cherry. Do not use Phaltan on Sweet Cherry. Do not apply Rovral more than 1 or 2 times per season, and never in consecutive sprays.
	Leaf Spot	Use one of the fungicides recommended at PETAL FALL, with the exception of ferbam.			
	Red Mite	Kelthane AP-35 or Kelthane 187.5 EC	— —	4.5 kg 8.5 L	Thorough coverage is necessary for good mite control. Only needed in heavily infested Sour Cherry orchards.
	Plum curculio	Use one of the insecticides listed under SHUCK.			
Brown rot	Use one of the fungicides listed under SHUCK.				
Leaf spot	Use one of the fungicides listed under PETAL FALL, with the exception of ferbam.				
Cherry fruit fly	Use one of: (1) ² Guthion 50% WP or ² APM 50 W (2) diazinon 50% WP (3) Zolone 30% WP or Zolone Flo (4) Imidan 50% WP	2.75 kg 2.75 kg 4.5 kg 4.5 kg 2.75 L —	2.0 kg 2.0 kg 3.25 kg 3.25 kg 2.0 L 3.75 kg	On early varieties check interval from last spray to harvest date. See page 76. Spray when early varieties are beginning to colour. Diazinon does not adequately control curculio.	
	Brown rot	Add one of: (1) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (2) Phaltan 50% WP (3) Rovral 50% WP (4) sulfur 90-95% WP	9.0 kg 5.5 kg — 1.75 kg 27.0 kg	6.75 kg 4.25 kg 6.75 kg 1.5 kg —	Sour cherries only need this spray if there is a history of brown rot, or if mummies are left in the tree. Do not use Phaltan on Sweet Cherry. Do not apply Rovral more than 1 or 2 times per season, and never in consecutive sprays.
	Leaf spot	Use one of the fungicides as recommended at PETAL FALL, with the exception of ferbam.			

Powdery mildew	Use one of: (1) Benlate 50% WP (2) Sulfur 90-95% WP	— —	1.1 kg 10 kg	Sulfur at this rate will suppress powdery mildew. Higher rates may cause injury. Phaltan used to control brown rot will also help control powdery mildew.
THIRD COVER	Cherry fruit fly			
	Use one of: (1) Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 85% WP (2) Imidan 50% WP (3) Zolone 30% WP or Zolone Flo (4) diazinon 50% WP	9.0 kg 5.5 kg — 4.5 kg 2.75 L 4.5 kg	6.75 kg 4.25 kg 3.75 kg 3.25 kg 2.0 L 3.25 kg	Spray Sour Cherry about the time Montmorency is turning pink. Spray Sweet Cherry 10 days after Second Cover. Check harvest interval before spraying early maturing Sweet Cherry. See page 76.
Leaf spot Brown rot	Add one of the fungicides listed under SECOND COVER .			
The addition of Benlate 50% WP at 850 g to Captan 50% WP at 4.25 kg/ha will improve brown rot control only where the fungus is not resistant to Benlate.				
PRE-PICK (Sweet Cherry)	Brown rot	Use one of the fungicides listed under SECOND COVER for Sweet Cherry.		Spray each variety just before picking. Do not use Phaltan on Sweet Cherry.
POSTHARVEST ON FRUIT (Sweet Cherry)	Rhizopus rot (black whiskers)	Botran 75% WP	875 g per 500 L water	Dip harvested cherries in suspension of Botran and keep the mixture well agitated during use. Read directions on label.
POSTHARVEST	Leaf spot	Use one of: (1) Cyprex 65% WP or Equal 65% WP (2) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (3) ferbam 76% WDG (4) Phaltan 50% WP (5) Benlate 50% WP plus captan 50% WP	SWEET 2.25 kg — 9.0 kg 5.5 kg 9.0 kg — 1.1 kg 4.5 kg SOUR 2.25 kg 2.25 kg 6.75 kg 4.25 kg 6.75 kg 6.75 kg 850 g 3.25 kg	Necessary where leaf spot is a problem. Do not use Phaltan on Sweet Cherry.
Powdery mildew	Benlate 50% WP	—	1.1 kg	
Red mite	Use one of: (1) Morestan 25% WP (2) Omite 30 W (3) Kelthane AP-35 or Kelthane 187.5 EC	2.25 kg 6.75 kg 5.5 kg 10 L	1.75 kg 5.0 kg 4.5 kg 8.5 L	If mites can easily be found on the leaves at this time, add a miticide with your fungicide application. Do NOT mix Morestan with any other product.
*Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.				

CHERRIES (SWEET AND SOUR) (Continued)

Notes:

PEARS LUG: If it appears on leaves of non-bearing trees in injurious numbers, spray Sevin 50% WP 1.0 kg per 500 L.

NEMATODES: See page 67 for methods of controlling nematodes when replanting old tree sites or whole orchards.

PEACH TREE BORER: Where a problem, spray as directed for **PEACH** (Page 39).

APHIDS: In sour cherry orchards where black cherry aphids are regularly a problem, apply the dormant spray recommended for Sweet Cherries. If aphids threaten to become troublesome during the season, spray with one of:

- (1) diazinon 50% WP
3.25 kg/ha
- (2) Thiodan 50% WP
3.25 kg/ha
- (3) Zolone 30% WP or Zolone Flo
3.25 kg/ha 2.0 L/ha

They may be added to any of the sprays after bloom. Thorough coverage and a calm warm day are necessary for good aphid control.

CHERRY YELLOWS VIRUS: Where a problem, Gibberellic acid (ACTIVOL GA) has been shown to increase fruit spur development. Use at the rate of 10 ppm (10 ACTIVOL GA tablets per 1000 L of water). Use 9 L of spray per tree. Higher rates may be required for old or less vigorous trees. AGRAL 90 at the rate of 113 g per 450 L of water is suggested as a spreader sticker. Apply the spray during the period 7 to 21 days after petal fall. Gibberellic acid must be applied every year to improve bud development and later shoot growth. Follow manufacturer's directions.

BACTERIAL CANKER: This disease causes wilted blossoms, spotting and collapse of leaves on spurs and gumming on twigs. The real potential for losses can be seen on young plantings where the disease can kill trees outright or kill main scaffold. The following spray program should be applied on new plantings of sweet cherry as well as old established blocks. These Bordeaux sprays

effectively control the disease by reducing the number of bacteria before the trees enter their susceptible period.

SPRAY SCHEDULE

Materials for 1000 L of dilute spray (use 3000 L/ha for medium-sized trees)

Time to spray
(Biweekly schedule)

First Spray - 3rd week in September	4 kg copper sulfate 6 kg spray lime
Second spray - 14 days later	4 kg copper sulfate 6 kg spray lime
Third spray - 14 days later	6 kg copper sulfate 9 kg spray lime
Fourth spray - 14 days later	10 kg copper sulfate 15 kg spray lime
Spring spray - before bud swell	6 kg copper sulfate 9 kg spray lime

POLLINATION: Sour cherry is self-fertile and may be planted in solid blocks of one variety. However, they do require insects for pollen transfer. Honeybees readily work this crop.

Sweet Cherry is self-unfruitful and requires inter-varietal plantings. Insects are essential for pollen transfer. Honeybees are excellent pollinators. Since the blossoms remain receptive for only a short time, bees should be moved into the orchard as soon as blossoming begins.

ALAR is a management tool for cherry production which can increase harvesting efficiency and marketing potential through its influence on the ripening process. The benefits of Alar include:

1. Advanced crop maturity of 5 - 7 days for sour cherries and up to 5 days for sweet cherries in the year of application.
2. Earlier and more uniform fruit colour development.
3. Increased amounts of colour development.

4. Easier separation of fruit from fruit pedicels (stem) at full maturity.
Alar is applied to cherry trees (both sweet and sour) 10 - 16 days after petal fall.

The rate of application is influenced by both the degree of vigour exhibited by the trees in question, and the degree of effect desired. Higher rates will emphasize the effect, and hasten the results.

RATE OF ALAR APPLICATION

Tree Condition	Sweet Cherries kg/ha	Sour Cherries kg/ha
low vigor	none	none
moderate to good vigor	5.00 - 6.75	6.75
very high vigor	6.75 - 9.00	10.00

Growers who are interested in trying it should keep the following points in mind:

1. Alar should only be applied once per season.
2. Under no condition should Alar be applied to trees that are under any form of stress, such as drought, low fertility, disease (i.e. Cherry yellows), mite injury, trees which produce less than desirable annual growth, or trees which normally produce large crops of small fruit.
3. Application should be delayed if rain is expected within 12 hours of spraying.
4. Alar works best when applied as a dilute spray (3300 L/ha) to the point of run-off. It can be successfully applied as a concentrate spray only when care is taken to ensure complete, and uniform coverage.

ETHREL: Ethrel is registered for commercial use as a chemical ripening and loosening aid. When applied according to manufacturer's directions the material tends to promote uniform maturity and loosens the fruit for easier mechanical harvest.

Follow the manufacturer's **precautions and directions** for best results.

Growers are particularly cautioned against the use of Ethrel on trees that have experienced severe stress such as drought, disease or winter injury. Ethrel applied to such trees frequently causes severe gummosis.

CURRENTS AND GOOSEBERRIES

For dilute spraying use 1800 L per hectare.
Amount per 450 L is one quarter rate per hectare.

TIME TO SPRAY	DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER 450 LITRES	COMMENTS
Before buds break	Scale insects	Superior oil	9.0 L	Spray when temperature is above 15°C.
As buds are bursting	Curran insects	Malathion 25% WP	900 g	
Just before blossoms open	Leafspot	Use one of: (1) ferbam 76% WDG (2) Phalthion 50% WP	1.0 kg 1.2 kg	Currents only. Currents and Gooseberries.
	Powdery mildew	Sulfur 90-95% WP	6.75 kg	Gooseberries only.
	Curran sawfly	(1) rotenone 5% WP (2) diazinon 50% WP	2 kg 500 g	Repeat as necessary. Diazinon is highly toxic to honeybees. See page 7.
Postbloom as soon as bloom is complete	Leafspot	Add one of fungicides listed above.		Repeat weekly if weather is wet.
	Powdery mildew	Same as for mildew above.		
	Curran Fruit Fly (maggot)	Malathion 25% WP	900 g	Where this pest has been a problem, a second application is required in 10 days.
10 days after Postbloom spray	Leafspot	Same as for Leafspot above.		Do not use ferbam within 14 days of harvest or Phalthion within 7 days. Spray Red and White Currents immediately after fruit is picked.
	Curran Fruit Fly (maggot)	Malathion 25% WP	900 g	Do not use malathion within 3 days of harvest.
Postharvest	Leafspot	Same as for Leafspot above.		
	Leafhoppers, Mites, Aphids	Malathion 25% WP	900 g	

POLLINATION:

Currents and gooseberries are self-fertile, but insects assist in pollen transfer. Honeybees have been shown to increase crop yield. See page 7 for ways to reduce bee poisoning.

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See Chart "Relative Disease Susceptibility" at the end of the Grape Calendar, page 33.

Read the label and follow all safety precautions. For dilute spraying refer to page 13, "GUIDE FOR SPRAYING TREE FRUITS"

DISEASES		AMOUNT PER		COMMENTS
TIME TO SPRAY	AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	HECTARE	
PHOMOPSIS SPRAYS	See note A page 34 for effectiveness of fungicides for control of grape diseases. Phomopsis cane and leaf spot	Use one of: (1) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (2) Phaltan 50% WP	3.25 kg 2.0 kg 3.25 kg	Spray varieties where phomopsis is a problem, when new shoots are 1.25 to 5 cm long, and again when 10 to 15 cm long. Apply at least 1700 L of spray per hectare.
PREBLOOM	Berry moth	Use one of: (1) ² Guthion 50% WP or ² Guthion 240 SC or ² APM 50 W (2) Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 85% WP (3) Imidan 50% WP (4) Zolone 30% WP (5) diazinon 50% WP *(6) Cymbush 12.5% WP	1.1 kg 2.0 L 1.1 kg 3.25 kg 2.0 kg 2.0 kg 2.5 kg 1.75 kg 480 g	Spray shortly before bloom where berry moth has been a problem. Apply at least 1700 L/ha (dilute rate). WARNING: Under slow-drying conditions or at temperatures above 24°C, any spray material or combinations are likely to cause some degree of injury, especially to the variety Foch.
	Downy mildew (see note A at end of Grape Calendar.)	Add one of: (1) Phaltan 50% WP (2) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (3) Polyram 80% DF (4) Dikar WP (5) Dithane M45 80% WP or Manzate 200 80% WP	3.25 kg 3.25 kg 2.0 kg 3.25 kg 3.25 kg 3.25 kg 3.25 kg	Spray Buffalo, Fredonia, President, Van Buren, French Hybrid and vinifera varieties. If bloom is delayed or if wet weather is expected, repeat the application. Check combinations for compatibility. See Table 18, page 76.
	Black rot	Use one of: (1) ferbam 76% WDG (2) Dikar WP (3) Benlate 50% WP	3.25 kg 3.25 kg 850 g	Susceptible varieties include Catawba, Concord, Agawam, Niagara, Pinot Chardonnay, Ventura, Dutchess. Refer to disease susceptibility chart for susceptibility of cultivars.
DO NOT APPLY INSECTICIDES WHEN GRAPES ARE IN BLOOM See note on pollination page 7.				
POST-BLOOM	Berry moth Leafhoppers	Use one of: (1) ² Guthion 50% WP or ² Guthion 240 SC or ² APM 50 WP (2) Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 85% WP (3) Imidan 50% WP (4) Zolone 30% WP (5) diazinon 50% WP *(6) Cymbush 12.5% WP	1.5 kg 2.75 L 1.5 kg 4.5 kg 2.75 kg 2.75 kg 3.25 kg 2.25 kg 480 g	IMMEDIATELY BLOOM IS OVER , for effective control of berry moth, apply at least 2200 L/ha (dilute rate).

Only French hybrid and vinifera varieties are susceptible to this pest. Thiodan may cause injury to Concord, Cascade, Baco, Seibel 8357 and Seibel 7053 (Chancellor).

2.25 kg

Add:
Thiodan 50% WP

Grape
Phylloxera
(leaf form)

Spray all varieties for mildew at this time.
Repeat spray for black rot where it is a problem.

Add one of:
(1) Phaltan 50% WP 4.25 kg
(2) captan 50% WP 4.25 kg
or captan 80% WP 2.75 kg
(3) Polyram 80% DF 4.25 kg
(4) Dikar WP 4.25 kg
(5) Dithane M45 80% WP 4.25 kg
or Manzate 200 80% WP 4.25 kg

Downy mildew
Black rot

See note B, page 35.

A program for powdery mildew is most effective when started at this time. DO NOT use sulfur or Kumulus S on Concord, Foch, Van Buren or De Chaunac.
SEE warning under **PREBLOOM**.

See note C at the end of **GRAPE** calendar, page 35.

Botrytis
bunch rot

FIRST COVER
12 days after
POST BLOOM

Berry moth

Use one of:
(1) Guthion 50% WP 1.75 kg
or Guthion 240 SC 3.1 L
or APM 50 W 1.75 kg
(2) Sevin 50% WP 5.5 kg
or Sevin 85% WP 3.25 kg
(3) Imidan 50% WP 3.25 kg
(4) Zolone 30% WP 4.25 kg
(5) diazinon 50% WP 2.75 kg
*(6) Cymbush 12.5% WP 480 g

Where berry moth is a regular problem, apply one of these materials at a rate of 2800 L (dilute) per hectare.

Thorough spraying reduces chance of a late second brood.

Repeat as in **POSTBLOOM SPRAY**.

Phylloxera
(leaf form)

Powdery Mildew

DO NOT use sulfur or Kumulus S on Concord, Foch, Van Buren or De Chaunac.
See note B, page 35.

(1) Dikar WP 5.5 kg
(2) Karathane WD 18.25% WP 1.5 kg
(3) sulfur 90-95% WP 11.0 kg
or Kumulus S 80% WP 7.9 kg
(4) Benlate 50% WP 1.5 kg
(5) Phaltan 50% WP 5.5 kg

Downy mildew
Black rot

Repeat spray for black rot where it is a problem.

(1) Dikar WP 5.5 kg
(2) Phaltan 50% WP 5.5 kg
(3) captan 50% WP 5.5 kg
or captan 80% WP 3.25 kg
(4) Polyram 80% DF 5.5 kg
(5) Dithane M-45 80% WP 5.5 kg
or Manzate 200 80% WP 5.5 kg

¹Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.

* Repeated applications of synthetic pyrethroids are discouraged. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

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DISEASES AND INSECTS		MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE	COMMENTS
TIME TO SPRAY				
SECOND COVER 10 days after FIRST COVER	Powdery mildew	Use one of: (1) sulfur 90-95% WP (21 days) or Kumulus S 80% WP (21 days) (2) Karathane WD 18.25% WP (30 days) (3) Dikar WP (30 days) (4) Benlate 50% W/P (7 days)	11.0 kg 7.9 kg 1.5 kg 5.5 kg 1.5 kg	DO NOT use sulfur or Kumulus S on Concord, Foch, De Chaunac or Van Buren varieties. For effective control of powdery mildew apply in at least 2800 L water/ha (dilute rate). Do not apply fungicides any closer to harvest than the interval states.
	Black rot	Use one of: (1) ferbam 76% WDG (2) Dikar WP (3) Benlate 50% WP Rovral 50% WP (7 days)	4.5 kg 4.5 kg 1.25 kg 1.5 kg	Repeat spray for black rot where it is a problem. For effective control, apply in at least 2800 L water/ ha (dilute rate). To minimize the development of resistance it is strongly suggested that only two applications of Rovral be made per season, these being in late July and mid-August as bunches are closing. See note C at the end of the Grape Calendar, page 35.
FURTHER COVER SPRAYS	Powdery mildew	Use one of the materials listed under SECOND COVER and check for interval to harvest.		Varieties such as Concord, Niagara, Elvira and Fredonia are not as susceptible to this disease and extra sprays are usually not needed. Susceptible varieties such as Agawam, Delaware, French hybrid, New York Muscat, Seneca and vinifera cultivars often require extra sprays at 10-DAY intervals.
	Berry moth about August 20	Use one of the materials listed under FIRST COVER and check for interval to harvest.		A spray may be needed on late varieties to control the brood which emerges in late August.
	Botrytis bunch rot	Rovral 50% WP (7 days)	1.5 kg	See note C at the end of the Grape Calendar, page 35. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.
POST HARVEST	Powdery mildew	(1) sulfur 90-95% WP or Kumulus S 80% WP (2) Dikar WP (3) Benlate 50% WP	11.0 kg 7.9 kg 5.5 kg 1.25 kg	Infection by powdery mildew after harvest may leave canes more sensitive to winter injury. Cultivars sensitive to mildew should receive 1 or 2 sprays after harvest to protect the wood. Some premature defoliation may be observed when using sulfur or Kumulus, but this is not likely to affect vine vigour.

RELATIVE DISEASE SUSCEPTIBILITIES

This chart provides a relative rating of cultivar susceptibility under average conditions. Under adverse weather conditions, i.e. extended cool weather, any given cultivar may be more seriously affected.

Blank — relative susceptibility is unknown

+ = slight susceptibility

++ = moderately susceptible

+++ = highly susceptible

* This disease is more serious adjacent to bush areas or where there is poor air drainage

1 = sulfur sensitive
2 = Dikar + Zolone combination may be phytotoxic
3 = Dikar sensitive
4 = Karathane sensitive
5 = Thiodan sensitive

CULTIVAR	RATING OF SUSCEPTIBILITY TO DISEASES						CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY (PHYTOTOXICITY EXPERIENCED)
	Eutypa (dead arm)	Phomopsis (cane and leaf spot)	Black Rot*	Downy Mildew	Powdery Mildew	Botrytis Bunch Rot	
Lubrusca							
Agawam	+	+	++	++	+		
Canada Muscat			+	+	++		
Canadice					++		
Catawba	+	+	++	++	+		
Concord	+	+	++	++	++		
Delaware	++		+	+	++		1,4,5
Dutchess	++	+	++	++	++	+	
Elvira	++	++	++	++	++	+	4
Festivee	++	++	++	+	++	++	
Fredonia	+	+	++	++	++	++	
Van Buren					++	+	
Veeblanc (V53263)	+			++	++		
Himrod			++	++	++	++	1
N.Y. Muscat	+		+		++		
Niagara	++	++	++	++	++		
Veepport	+	+	+	++	++	+	
Ventura	++	++	+		++		
Vincent		+	++		++	+	
Vivant (63331)	+				++		
V 50201	++	+	++	++	++	+	
Vinifera				++	++		
Chardonnay			+	++	++	++	
Riesling		+	+	++	++	++	3,4
Gamay			+	++	++	++	

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CULTIVAR	RATING OF SUSCEPTIBILITY TO DISEASES						CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY (PHYTOTOXICITY EXPERIENCED)
	Eutypa (dead arm)	Phomopsis (cane and leaf spot)	Black Rot*	Downy Mildew	Powdery Mildew	Botrytis Bunch Rot	
French Hybrids:							
Aurore		++	+	+	++	++	4
Baco Noir			+		++	+	4,5
Chambourcin (J.S. 26205)					++	+	
Chancellor (S7053)			+	++	++	+	1,4,5
Chelois (S10878)	++		+	+	++	+	3,4
Couderc Muscat (C-29935)			+		++	+	
De Chaunac (S9549)	+	++	+	+	++	+	1,4
Foch	+	+	+		++	+	1,2,3,4
Le Commandant (BS2862)	+		+		++	+	2
Rosette (S1000)			+	+	++	+	4
Uval Blanc (SV5276)		++	+	+	++	++	
Ardelet (S9110)	+		+		++	+	4
Vidal 256		+			++		3
Villard Noir (SV18-315)					++		

Notes:

A. EFFECTIVENESS OF FUNGICIDES FOR CONTROL OF GRAPE DISEASES:

0 = ineffective + = slightly effective ++ = moderately effective +++ = very effective.

Fungicide	Phomopsis cane and leaf spot	Black rot	Downy mildew	Powdery mildew	Botrytis bunch rot
Phaltan (1 day)	++	++	++	++	++
captan (7 days)	++	++	++	0	++
Dikar (30 days)	+	++	++	++	0
Dithane M-45 (30 days)	+	++	++	0	0
Manzate 200 (30 days)	+	++	++	0	0
ferbam (7 days)	+	++	++	0	0
Sulfur (21 days wine, 1 day table)	0	0	0	++	0
Kumulus S (21 days wine, 1 day table)	0	0	0	++	0
Benlate (7 days)	+	+	0	++	0
Karathane (30 days)	0	0	0	++	0
Rovral (7 days)	0	0	0	++	++
Copper-lime (30 days, wine grapes)	+	++	++	+	0
Polyram (45 days)	?	++	++	0	0

B. FIXED COPPER: Fixed copper 50-53% WP 750g and hydrated lime 3000 g will help control powdery mildew, when used for control of downy mildew on the less susceptible varieties, but is not sufficiently effective on varieties which are very susceptible to powdery mildew. (Harvest interval on wine grapes is 30 days.) The fixed copper and lime mixture will not control powdery mildew but is involved in hardening of the plant tissue, thereby making it less susceptible. Copper cannot be used on French hybrid or vinifera varieties, and is NOT compatible with any of the presently recommended insecticides. It may be used, however when no insecticides are being applied.

C. BUNCH ROT: Many of the vinifera and vinifera hybrid cultivars with tight bunches are susceptible to Botrytis bunch rot e.g. Gamay, Riesling, Chardonnay, Chancellor, Aurore and Seyval Blanc. Rovral is the only fungicide currently registered for control of bunch rot, but already Rovral-resistant *Botrytis cinerea* has been found in several Ontario vineyards where Rovral has been used. Benlate cannot be recommended because of the widespread distribution of Benlate-resistant botrytis in vineyards. The only alternatives are Captan and Phaltan which have moderate to good activity, but their use against bunch rot is not currently registered.

To minimize the development of resistance to Rovral it is strongly proposed that only two

applications of Rovral be made per season, and these should be made in late July and mid-August as bunches are closing. On late-harvested cultivars, a third application in early September may protect ripening berries from direct infection during wet weather. To obtain adequate spray coverage during mid and late summer use at least 900 L of spray per hectare. The protection of clusters from Bloom to mid-July may be obtained by the use of Captan or Phaltan at the rates recommended for the control of downy mildew given under First Cover.

POLLINATION: All commercial varieties grown in Ontario are self-fruitful and it is not considered necessary to provide honeybees for pollination.

Chemical Control of Fruit Set: Some grape varieties (usually labrusca types) frequently set too light a crop of fruit whereas others consistently set too heavily (often French hybrids). Chemicals are available to alter these effects. Alar will induce greater fruit set and Ethrel will cause flowers or young fruits to drop off. Ethrel is still in the experimental category for thinning, while Alar has been registered to alter fruit set.

Alar 85

1. The greatest increase in fruit set has occurred with Concord, Agawam and Fredonia. Little or no response can be expected on French hybrids.
2. Other varieties respond in varying degrees depending upon season and growing conditions.

3. Rates

Pruning Weight per vine	kg of Alar-85 per 1000 L	kg/ha
0.7 kg or less	DO NOT USE	—
0.7-1.4 kg	0.75-1.25	1.1-2.25
1.4-2.3 kg	1.25-2.0	2.25-3.25
2.3 kg or more	2.0-2.75	3.25-4.5

Experience with Alar is limited in some varieties. Growers who are interested in trying Alar should do so on a trial basis, keeping the following points in mind:

1. Alar requires a 12-hour rain-free period for absorption.
2. Applied between trace bloom and 50% bloom, Alar is effective in altering fruit set. Delayed applications will affect vegetative growth but not fruit set.
3. Apply as a dilute spray pending further research on concentrate spraying.
4. Do not mix with pesticides.
5. Alar should only be applied once during the growing season.
6. Livestock should not be grazed on vineyard cover crops treated with Alar.
7. Always leave some unsprayed vines to assess the effectiveness of the Alar treatment.

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A Pest Management Program for Control of Insects Attacking Peach is Available (see page 8). Details May Be Obtained from your Horticultural Crop Advisor.

For dilute spraying refer to page 13 "GUIDE FOR SPRAYING FRUIT TREES"

TIME TO SPRAY	DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE	COMMENTS
DORMANT In March or early April before buds swell	Leaf-curl only (Spring leaf-curl spray is not needed where a spray was applied last fall.)	Use one of: (1) ferbam 76% WDG (2) DNOC liquid (Elgetol)	6.75 kg 17 L	Delay may result in poor control of leaf curl. Oil may be added to the ferbam spray to control scale insects. Dilute ferbam in tank, then add oil. See note A at end of PEACH calendar, page 39.
	San Jose Scale	Add one of: (1) superior oil (2) Ethion superior oil	65 L 65 L	Apply oil routinely every third year. If scale is a serious, or continuing problem, apply oil for at least two consecutive years.
PREBLOOM Half-inch Green to First Pink	Red mite	Use one of: (1) superior oil (2) Ethion superior oil (3) superior oil concentrate	65 L 65 L 17 L	Preferred time to use oil for red mite control. This spray is usually not necessary and is required only when overwintering mite populations are high.
PINK THROUGH BLOOM	Blossom blight stage of brown rot	Use one of: (1) Phygon XL 50% WP or Dichlorone 50% WP (2) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (3) Funginex 190 EC (4) Rovral 50% WP (5) Sulfur 90-95% WP	1.75 kg 1.75 kg 6.75 kg 4.25 kg 2.5 L 1.5 kg 20.25 kg	Spray when first blossoms are opening (late pink). Repeat every 4 to 5 days if weather is wet. Funginex has good eradicant activity. See note on Funginex, page 10. Do not use Rovral more than 1 or 2 times per season, and never in consecutive sprays. Use of sulfur may encourage mite build-up.
PETAL FALL	Red Mite	Use one of: (1) Kelthane AP-35 or Kelthane 187.5 EC	4.5 kg 8.5 L	Use only if mite populations are high and when no prebloom superior oil was applied.
	Mealy Bug	Use one of: (1) parathion 15% WP (2) diazinon 50% WP	5 kg 3.25 kg	Check for Mealybug when shucks start to split and if necessary apply spray at 50% shuck split and repeat in 10 to 12 days. See Shuck Spray.
SHUCK SPRAY	Tarnished Plant Bug	(1) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W *(2) Ambush 500 EC	2.0 kg 2.0 kg 400 mL	This spray may be necessary in southwestern counties where early season plant bug injury known as 'cat facing' has been a problem. Early springs accompanied by warm temperatures (above 16°C) promotes plant bug activity. If wet conditions prevail, a fungicide should be included for brown rot control.

SEE NOTE C, PAGE 39, FOR CULTURAL CONTROL METHODS OF PLANT BUGS.

FIRST ORIENTAL FRUIT MOTH SPRAY

Use one of:

- (1) Imidan 50% WP 3.75 kg
- (2) Guthion 50% WP 2.0 kg
- or APM 50 W 2.0 kg
- (3) parathion 15% WP 5.0 kg
- (4) Sevin 50% WP or 6.75 kg
- Sevin 85% WP 4.25 kg
- *(5) Ambush 500 EC 200 mL
- *(6) Decis 2.5 EC 400 mL
- *(7) Pounce 384 EC 275 mL

Consult Agriphone for timing.
Where Mealybug is a problem, use parathion or add diazinon to one of the other materials.
See Petal Fall Spray. Thorough spraying is essential to control Mealybug.

Repeated applications of Ambush, Decis or Pounce are discouraged.
See "Pest Resistance" page 9.

Under rainy conditions, repeat the fungicide only in 10 days.

Brown Rot	(1) captan 50% WP 6.75 kg or captan 80% WP 4.25 kg (2) Sulfur 90-95% WP 20.25 kg
Red mite	If a dormant oil was not applied add one of: (1) Omite 30 W 5.5 kg (2) Kelthane AP-35 4.5 kg or Kelthane 187.5 EC 8.5 L

See note B at end of **PEACH** calendar, page 39.

SPECIAL SPRAYS Oblique-banded leafroller

Use one of:

- (1) Guthion 50% WP 2.0 kg
- or APM 50 W 2.0 kg
- (2) Imidan 50% WP 3.75 kg

Where this pest has been a problem in past years, consult Agriphone for timing.

Tarnished plant bug

- (1) APM 50 W 2.0 kg
- or Guthion 50% WP 2.0 kg
- *(2) Ambush 500 EC 400 mL
- (3) Thiodan 50% WP 4.5 kg

Where this pest has been a problem in past years, consult Pest Management Specialist or Horticultural Crop Advisor for proper timing. General timing is mid-June. Where plant bug pressure is high, sprays may have to be repeated in 5-7 days.

SEE NOTE C, PAGE 39, ON TARNISHED PLANT BUGS FOR CULTURAL CONTROL METHODS

Second Oriental Fruit Moth

Use same insecticide as in

FIRST ORIENTAL FRUIT MOTH SPRAY

Spray all varieties.

Consult Agriphone for timing.
Repeated applications of Ambush, Decis, or Pounce are discouraged. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

Brown Rot (Early varieties only) Earlired through Sunhaven	(1) captan 50% WP 6.75 kg or captan 80% WP 4.25 kg (2) Rovral 50% WP 1.5 kg (3) Sulfur 90-95 WP 20.25 kg
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Do not use Rovral more than 1 or 2 times per season and never in consecutive sprays.
Use of sulfur may induce mite problems.

²Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours. ³Minimum period before reentry is 7 days.

*Repeated applications of synthetic pyrethroids are discouraged.

See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

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SPECIAL SPRAY Red mite

If necessary, apply one of the miticides as in the **SHUCK SPRAY**.
Examine each variety for mites three weeks before harvest. More than one mite per leaf (average) in mid-July can result in a mite infestation in August. Do not apply any of these miticides closer to harvest than in Table 18 page 76. Consult Agriphone for timing.

THIRD ORIENTAL FRUIT MOTH SPRAY (LATE VARIETIES ONLY)

Oriental fruit moth

Use one of:

- (1) Imidan 50% WP
- (2) Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 85% WP
- *(3) Ambush 500 EC
- *(4) Decis 2.5 EC
- *(5) Pounce 384 EC

3.75 kg
6.75 kg
4.25 kg
200 mL
400 mL
275 mL

Usually for all varieties from Harbrite - Vivid season and later (about Aug. 4). Consult Agriphone for timing. Repeated applications of Ambush, Decis or Pounce are discouraged. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

Brown Rot

- (1) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP
- (2) Rovral 50% WP
- (3) Sulfur 90-95% WP

6.75 kg
4.25 kg
1.5 kg
20.25 kg

To be included on all varieties.

PREPICK SPRAY

Oriental fruit moth

- (1) Imidan 50% WP
- (2) Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 85% WP
- *(3) Ambush 500 EC
- *(4) Decis 2.5 EC
- *(5) Pounce 384 EC

3.75 kg
6.75 kg
4.25 kg
200 mL
400 mL
275 mL

Spray each variety 7-10 days before first harvest when first colour shows.

Brown Rot

- (1) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP
- (2) Rovral 50% WP
- (3) Sulfur 90-95% WP

6.75 kg
4.25 kg
1.5 kg
20.25 kg

Apply with OFM spray 7-10 days before harvest. Do not use Rovral more than 1 or 2 times per season, and never in consecutive sprays. Use of sulfur may induce mite problems.

SPECIAL SPRAYRhizopus rot
Brown Rot

Botran 75% WP

- (1) Rovral 50% WP
- (2) Sulfur 90-95% WP

3.25 kg
1.5 kg
20.25 kg

THIS SPRAY IS ONLY NECESSARY UNDER RAINY AND HUMID CONDITIONS.

This is the preferred time to use Rovral.

Do not use Rovral more than 1 or 2 times per season and never in consecutive sprays. Use of sulfur may induce mite problems.

Rhizopus rot
(black whiskers)

(1) Botran 75% WP

875 g/500 L water

Dip harvested peaches in a suspension. Keep suspension agitated while dipping. Read the label.

(2) Peach, Nectarine and Plum Lustre 274

Apply 1 L wax on 3500 kg of fruit.

FALL SPRAY Preferred time to spray for leaf-curl	X-Disease Leaf-curl	Terramycin® injection Use one of:	See note D at end of PEACH calendar.	
		(1) Difolatan 480 F	17 L	Difolatan 480 F may be used before leaf drop is complete. One application only in early to late November. Use at least 750 L of spray per hectare. Any time after leaves are off in fall or winter when temperature in shade is above freezing, and conditions favor rapid drying.
		(2) ferbam 76% WDG	6.75 kg	
		(3) DNOC Liquid (Elgetol)	17 L	

Notes:

A. Oil and Ferbam: Ferbam should be added to water in a partially filled tank before oil is added. With agitator running, sift ferbam slowly into water, or, preferably, slurry in with water in a pail and then add to tank. Add oil last, as remainder of water is being added. To keep mixture uniform, do not stop engine until contents of tank are sprayed out. If oil is noticed floating on top of water, remix by turning a spray gun into tank. Injury may result to last few trees at end of tank if emulsion breaks.

B. Lesser Peach Tree Borer and Peach Tree Borer:

Make three applications, the first - 5 to 10 days after the SHUCK spray, the second - three weeks later, and the third - three weeks after the second. Apply the sprays with a gun and cover the trunk and scaffold limbs thoroughly. In the first spray, use Thiodan 50% WP 1.5 kg per 1000 L or Thiodan 4 EC 1.75 L per 1000 L or Endosulfan 400 EC 1.75 L per 1000 L. In

the second spray, use Thiodan as above on all varieties except those in the Earlired, Harrow Diamond and Garnet Beauty season. On such varieties use malathion 25% WP 2.0 kg or Sevin 50% WP 2.0 kg per 1000 L. In the third spray, use Thiodan as above on all varieties except those in the Sunhaven, Redhaven, Veecling and Vivid season. On such varieties use malathion or Sevin as in the second spray.

C. Plant Bugs:

There are two sources of plant bug: (1) residents which overwinter within the orchard and (2) migrants which overwinter on hosts outside the orchard and disperse into the orchard during the growing season. In addition to the insecticide sprays listed in the calendar, (1) to minimize the size of resident populations and

(2) to provide an alternate food source for the summer generations of the migrant plant bug. I Remove any large oak trees adjacent to peach

blocks to avoid oak bug injury. White and red oaks are more important than the Burr type.

II

Apply a contact herbicide in the herbicide strip areas, e.g. paraquat, to early season hosts of plant bug which are mainly mint, creeping charlie, and annual and perennial chickweed. In most years herbicide applications should be applied by about April 20th in Southwestern Ontario and May 1st in the Niagara Peninsula.

III

Apply a second herbicide such as a contact plus residual to the herbicide strip area in the latter part of May in order to provide season long control of weeds in your orchard.

IV

Where clean cultivation is practised, this should begin as early as possible and continue up to about:

May 15th in Southwestern Ontario; and

June 1st in the Niagara Peninsula.

Early cultivation will reduce the numbers of resident plant bugs. Stopping cultivation during the June period is to encourage the establish-

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* Repeated applications are not recommended. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

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ment of weeds such as pigweed and lambsquarters which will provide an alternate food source for 1st generation plant bug, and thus discourage feeding on peach fruit.

V Where sod culture is adopted, frequent mowing, e.g. every 2 weeks should be practised. Encouragement of weed-free sod should be done with fertilizer and herbicide use as necessary. Creeping red fescue or other grasses are the preferred species for sod. Clover should be avoided.

VI Where the use of cover crops in cultivated peach orchards is practised to lower nitrogen levels and check tree growth, the preparation and sowing of the cover crop should be delayed until July 10th and when the major danger of extensive plant bug injury is over.

For more information on the biology of plant bugs and the nature of the injury consult OMAF Factsheet, Pest Management Program for Peach Series - Tarnished Plant Bug, Agdex 212/634.

D. X Disease: when the disease is detected in a tree, normal growth and fruiting can be restored by an application of Terramycin® after harvest and before leaf fall. Best results may be obtained from September treatments and up to two years of suppression of symptoms is possible. Follow manufacturer's label directions for injection method. See also OMAF Factsheet, X-Disease of Peach, Agdex 212/634.

E. Other Formulations Available: Aqua Parathion 800E may be used in place of 15% parathion WP; Guthion spray concentrate may be used in place of 50% Guthion WP. Follow manufacturer's directions.

PEACH CANKER - THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES AID GREATLY IN THE PREVENTION OF PEACH CANKER:

When pruning, growers should avoid cutting into the collar area of the branch or limb where it meets scaffolding or the trunk of the tree. Evidence from the United States and Ontario suggests that when the collar area is injured or cut in any way, the healing process is delayed or impaired since wound periderm tissues are located primarily in the collar region.

At Planting Time and First Year:

1. Plant good nursery stock. Use thiodan dip for borer control. See note B.
2. When pruning at planting time, remove all poor angles and weak side branches.
3. Treat all cuts immediately with a wound dressing.
4. Go over trees in mid-June and remove all dead wood and obviously poorly angled live branches.
5. Cut out cankers in June and treat with a wound dressing.
6. Apply sprays for fruit moth, peach tree and lesser borer.
7. Sow a cover crop (early July).
8. Protect from rabbits and mice.

Second Year and Following Years:

1. Apply nitrogen fertilizers early (March, April) to bearing trees. Avoid late applications of manure.
2. Prune as late in the spring as possible. Prune two- and three-year old trees after bloom.
3. Do not prune immediately preceding rains.
4. Remove all dead wood and poorly angled branches.
5. Treat pruning cuts in the main scaffold areas of the tree with a wound dressing.
6. Go over scaffolds in June and remove dead wood and poorly placed new growth.
7. In June cut out any cankers on scaffolds and treat with a wound dressing.
8. Apply sprays for fruit moth, peach tree borers, plant bugs and brown rot.
9. Sow a cover crop (early June).
10. Protect from rabbits and mice.

Use the following wound dressing:

Thiram - Latex Paint - as suggested for southwest injury (see page 67). It has been shown to be an effective wound dressing for peach trees at the Research Station in Harrow. (Use on a trial basis only). Dissolve 400 g thiram 75% WP in 2 L of water. Add slowly to 4 L of good exterior white latex house paint and mix well.

See also OMAF Factsheet, Peach Canker, Agdex 212/634.

NEMATODE CONTROL: See page 67.

ALAR

The benefits of Alar to peaches are:

1. More uniform ripening.
2. Advanced maturity by up to 7 days over untreated peaches, depending on the variety and the rate at which Alar is applied. (Higher the rate, greater this advancement.)
3. Earlier and more uniform development of both flesh and skin colour.

Alar may be applied to peaches any time between style abscission (3 weeks after petal fall) and pit hardening (6 - 7 weeks after petal fall).

For best results, early peach varieties should be sprayed closer to style abscission, and later varieties closer to the pit hardening stage.

The rate of application of Alar is influenced by both tree vigor and the degree of effect desired.

RATE OF ALAR APPLICATION

Tree Condition	Peaches kg/ha
low vigor	none
moderate to good vigor	5.00 - 6.75
very high vigor	6.75 - 9.00

Growers using this material should keep the following points in mind.

1. Apply Alar only once per season.
2. Do not apply Alar to low vigor peach trees as this may result in an undesirable effect on vegetative growth and fruit size.
3. Application should be delayed if rain is expected within 12 hours of spraying.
4. Do not apply Alar after pit hardening has been completed.
5. Alar works best when applied as a dilute spray (3300 L/ha). It can be successfully applied as a concentrate spray, only when care is taken to ensure complete and uniform coverage.

POLLINATION: All commercial varieties grown in Ontario are self-fruitleful and may be planted in solid blocks. Bees readily work peach blossoms and frequently cause an over-set, which may necessitate thinning. For this reason, the placement of hives in peach orchards is not usually recommended.

GUIDELINES FOR PROTECTING YOUNG NON-BEARING PEACH PLANTINGS

The following is designed to offer limited protection when needed for newly planted trees. It is not intended to be used for protection of bearing orchards. Rates are for dilute spraying.

TIME TO SPRAY	DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER 1000 L	COMMENTS
PREPLANT	Nematodes			See pages 67 and 68 for notes. Peaches are very susceptible to nematodes especially Siberian rootstock.
PREPLANT	Lesser Peach Tree Borer Peach Tree Borer	Thiodan 4 EC or Thiodan 50% WP or Endosulfan 400 EC	1.25 L/100 L 1.25 kg/100 L 1.25 L/100 L	If trees were not treated at the nursery, dip the roots and crown. Thiodan wettable powder preparation must be stirred constantly to prevent settling out. This dip provides control for peachtree borer in the first year. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS: Use rubber gloves to avoid exposing skin to insecticide. Dispose excess material with extreme care. Thiodan is extremely toxic to fish and wildlife.
FIRST ORIENTAL FRUIT MOTH SPRAY (OFM)		(1) Imidan 50% WP (2) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W	1.25 kg 0.67 kg 0.67 kg	Consult Agriphone for timing.
FIRST BORER SPRAY (5-10 days after OFM spray)	Lesser Peach Tree Borer	Thiodan 4 EC or Thiodan 50% WP or Endosulfan 400 EC	1.75 L 1.5 kg 1.75 L	To be used only in 2nd leaf year.
SECOND ORIENTAL FRUIT MOTH SPRAY	Oriental Fruit Moth	(1) Imidan 50% WP (2) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W	1.25 kg 0.67 kg 0.67 kg	Consult Agriphone for timing.
SECOND BORER SPRAY (5-10 days after 2nd OFM spray)	Lesser Peach Tree Borer	Thiodan 4 EC or Thiodan 50% WP or Endosulfan 400 EC	1.75 L 1.5 kg 1.75 L	To be used only in 2nd leaf year.
THIRD ORIENTAL FRUIT MOTH SPRAY	Oriental Fruit Moth	(1) Imidan 50% WP (2) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W	1.25 kg 0.67 kg 0.67 kg	Consult the Agriphone for timing.
THIRD BORER SPRAY (5-10 days after 3rd OFM spray)	Lesser Peach Tree Borer and Peach Tree Borer	Thiodan 4 EC or Thiodan 50% WP or Endosulfan 400 EC	1.75 L 1.5 kg 1.75 L	To be used only in 2nd leaf year.

Notes:

- Mites are usually not a problem on non-bearing trees. Trees can tolerate about 30 mites/leaf.
- Green Peach Aphid** may colonize and stunt new growth. Begin monitoring in mid-June for this pest. Consult Horticultural Crop Advisor or Pest Management Specialist for control strategy.
- Canker Surgery** and dead wood removal should take place in June or July when rapid

growth and the healing of the tree can take place. Surgery should be conducted when there is a forecasted period of dry weather following. During surgery, remove all diseased bark around the canker and about 3 and 5 centimetres of healthy tissue from the sides and ends, respectively. The resulting wound when finished should have a smooth margin and be slightly rounded above and below to favour rapid wound closure. Surgery sites in

²Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.

June or July are thought to heal best if left uncovered without wound dressing. Some pruning paints actually seal in moisture thus providing an ideal environment for fungal infection.

- Southwest Injury and Rodent Control:** The use of Latex Paint plus Thiram is strongly recommended. The whole trunk, plus the base of major scaffolds should be painted. See page 67 for details.

PEARS

Read the label and follow all safety precautions. For dilute spraying refer to page 13, "GUIDE FOR SPRAYING TREE FRUITS"

TIME TO SPRAY	DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE	COMMENTS
DORMANT	Scale insects Pear psylla	Superior oil (60-70 vis.)	65 L	Apply full rate of oil in 2000-3000 L of water per hectare. 3000 L will give best results. Good coverage is essential. DO NOT APPLY FULL RATE OF OIL MORE THAN ONCE PER SEASON.
GREEN TIP	Scab	Use one of: (1) Cyrex 65% WP or Equal 65% WP (2) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (3) Dikar W (4) Benlate 50% WP plus Manzate 200 80% WP	3.25 kg 3.25 kg 6.75 kg 4.25 kg 6.75 kg 550 g 3.25 kg	It is important to start scab control early and repeat the spray if weather remains wet. SEE NOTE C, PAGE 45, AT END OF PEAR CALENDAR. Alternate Benlate-Manzate with full rates of captan, Dikar, Cyrex or Equal to avoid Benlate resistance.
	Red mite	Use one of: (1) superior oil (2) ethion superior oil (3) Superior oil concentrate	65 L 65 L 17 L	Best applied at or near green tip for mites. Good coverage necessary. DO NOT APPLY FULL RATE OF OIL MORE THAN ONCE PER SEASON.
PREBLOOM As blossom buds show white at tips	Scab	Add one of the fungicides listed for Scab Control under GREEN TIP		Repeat spray if weather remains wet.
	Rust mite and red mite	Use one of: (1) Morestan 25% WP (2) Carzol 92 SP (3) Kelthane AP-35 or Kelthane 187.5 EC (4) ethion 25% WP	2.25 kg 1.1 kg 4.5 kg 8.5 L 6.75 kg	Rust mite control must be started now. See note B at end of PEAR calendar. Alternate miticides. Morestan is also effective against pear psylla at 6.75 kg/ha rate. Morestan should not be used within 14 days of oil. Carzol is harsh on beneficial mite species and bees. Some resistant mites may be present where Kelthane has been used for four or more years and an alternative miticide is advisable.
	Pear Psylla	Use one of: (1) Morestan 25% WP (2) Guthion 50% WP or 2APM 50 W (3) Thiodan 50% WP	6.75 kg 2.1 kg 2.1 kg 5-6.75 kg	To avoid resistance problems, synthetic pyrethroids are not recommended at this time. Refer to comments at PETAL FALL . Morestan must not be used within 14 days of oil. Guthion and APM will also control green fruitworm. Check the label.

Green fruitworm	Use one of: (1) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W (2) Zolone 30% WP (3) Imidan 50% WP	2.1 kg 2.1 kg 3.25 kg 3.75 kg	
Plant bugs	Thiodan 50% WP	3.25-4.5 kg	Check the label. Thiodan helps to control psylla.
DO NOT APPLY INSECTICIDES WHEN PEAR TREES ARE IN BLOOM. See note on Pollination page 7.			
Bloom	Agri-Mycin 17 100 ppm	600 g/1000 L	High volume spraying preferable. Use alone for best results. Also see page 12.
PETAL FALL			
Psylla Plum curculio	Use one of: (1) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W (2) Thiodan 50% WP (3) Imidan 50% WP (4) Zolone 30% WP	2.10 kg 2.10 kg 5-6.75 kg 3.75 kg 3.25 kg	Check the label. Thiodan is not registered for curculio control.
Rust mite Red mite	Add one of miticides listed in PREBLOOM except Morestan.		Two early season sprays are necessary for good mite control. Rust mite must be controlled by this time to avoid russeted fruit at harvest. Alternate miticides.
Leaf spots Pear scab	Add one of the fungicides listed for Scab under GREEN TIP .		If weather is wet extra sprays will be needed for scab control before FIRST COVER .
Mealybug			See note A at end of PEAR calendar, pg. 45.
SPECIAL SPRAY			
Oblique-banded leafroller	Use one of: (1) Imidan 50% WP (2) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W *(3) Belmark 300 EC	3.75 kg 2.1 kg 2.1 kg 450 mL	Where pest has been a problem, consult Horticultural Crop Advisor for proper timing. A second spray may be necessary in mid-August. Belmark should not be used within 60 days of harvest.
FIRST COVER - Psylla About June 25	Use one of: *(1) Decis 2.5 EC *(2) Belmark 300 EC *(3) Ripcord 400 EC or Cymbush 12.5% WP *(4) Ambush 500 EC or Pounce 384 EC (5) Thiodan 50% WP (6) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W (7) Imidan 50% WP (8) Zolone 30% WP	700 mL 450 mL 250 mL 560 g 400 mL 520 mL 5-6.75 kg 2.1 kg 2.1 kg 3.75 kg 3.25 kg	Preferred time for psylla control with synthetic pyrethroids (materials 1-4). Use of synthetic pyrethroids is only recommended once per year and only when there are high populations of psylla. Pyrethroids are more effective when temperatures are cool. Check the label. Where plum curculio is a problem use one of the materials recommended under PETAL FALL.

* Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.

* Repeated applications of synthetic pyrethroids are discouraged. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

PEARS (Continued)

DISEASES AND INSECTS		MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE	COMMENTS
TIME TO SPRAY				
FIRST COVER				
(continued)				
Blister mite	Use one of:	(1) Sevin 50% WP	6.75 kg	Check the label.
		or Sevin 85% WP	4.25 kg	
		(2) Thiodan 50% WP	3.25-4.5 kg	
Scab	Add one of the fungicides listed under GREEN TIP. Reduce rate of Cyprex or Equal to 2.25 kg/ha in cover sprays.			
SUMMER SPRAYS	Psylla (about July 10)	Use one of:		To reduce the risk of resistance, DO NOT use a pyrethroid at this time if one has been used at First Cover. Where excessive stickiness or high psylla populations persist, contact your Horticultural Crop Advisor or Pest Management Specialist for assistance.
		(1) Guthion 50% WP	2.1 kg	
		or APM 50% W	2.1 kg	
		(2) Thiodan 50% WP	5-6.75 kg	
		* (3) Decis 2.5 EC	700 mL	
		* (4) Ripcord 400 EC	250 mL	
		or Cymbush 12.5% WP	560 g	
		* (5) Ambush 500 EC	400 mL	
		or Pounce 384 EC	520 mL	
		Mites (about July 15-20)	Use one of	
or Kelthane 187.5 EC (7 days)	8.5 L			
(2) Carzol 92 SP (1 day)	1.1 kg			
SECOND COVER	Psylla Codling moth	(3) ethion 25% WP (30 days)	6.75 kg	See comments Sevin is not effective against older psylla nymphs.
		Use one of the materials listed under PETAL FALL		
		or Sevin 50% WP	6.75 kg	
Sooty blotch	Add one of:	or Sevin 85% WP	4.25 kg	Repeat spray for sooty blotch two weeks later.
		(1) captan 50% WP	6.75 kg	
		or captan 80% WP	4.25 kg	
SPECIAL SPRAY	Oblique-banded leafroller	(2) zincb 80% WP	6.0 kg	Where pest has been a problem, consult Horticultural Crop Advisor for proper timing.
		(1) Guthion 50% WP	2.1 kg	
		or APM 50 W	2.1 kg	
About mid-August	Codling Moth	(2) Imidan 50% WP	3.75 kg	This pest, as well as the Oriental Fruit Moth, can infest pears as they begin to mature. Bosc pears can be heavily infested. A spray 7 to 10 days prior to harvest is recommended in orchards adjacent or nearby peaches.
		(1) Imidan 50% WP	3.75 kg	
		(2) Guthion 50% WP	2.1 kg	
		or APM 50% W	2.1 kg	

¹Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.

*Repeated applications of synthetic pyrethroids are discouraged. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.

Notes:

A. Mealybug: Where this has been a problem — spray at **PETAL FALL** and **FIRST COVER** with parathion 15% WP 1.75 kg per 1000 L. A high-volume spray is necessary for good control.

B. Mite Control: Two early season sprays are necessary for good mite control. Oil is not effective for the rust mite, but those miticides listed for **PREBLOOM** and **PETAL FALL** will control both the rust mite and European red mite.

C. Dikar WP: When used in a full season program at 10-day intervals, Dikar at 6.75 kg/ha will control pear scab and nymphal stages of pear psylla. It will also suppress red mite and rust mite populations. It must not be used within 30 days of harvest. Higher water volumes aid in mite suppression. Consult label.

POLLINATION: All varieties in Ontario are commercially self-unfruitful, and mixed plantings are necessary. Insects are required for cross-pollination.

Honeybees do not find pear blossoms as attractive as most other fruits. Careful timing of the introduction of honeybees to orchards is necessary. Up to 8 hives per hectare are recommended to be placed when the orchard is about 25% in bloom. The use of pollen inserts will help to overcome this problem. See also page 7.

¹Minimum period before reentry is 7 days.

GUIDELINES FOR PROTECTING YOUNG NON-BEARING PEAR PLANTINGS

The following program is designed to offer **limited protection when needed for newly planted trees**. It is not intended to be used for protection of bearing orchards. Other protective measures included removal of neglected fruit trees in the area, careful selection of intercrops (where used) and a clean, weed-free environment. Rates are for dilute spraying. Alternate materials are available as shown in the calendar for bearing fruits.

DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER 1000 L	COMMENTS
Fireblight	Agri-Mycin 17	100 ppm	Avoid overstimulating growth. See page 12.
Pear Psylla	Morestan 25% WP	600 g	
		2 kg	If nymphs are observed spray when 75% of the petals have fallen in a bearing orchard. Also controls mites.
Leaf-feeding insects	Imidan 50% WP	1.25 kg	Apply at any time when small caterpillars are feeding.
Pear Psylla (summer broods)	Thiodan 50% WP	1.5 kg	Apply when early nymphal stages are present.
European red mite	Morestan 25% WP	750 g	Check foliage frequently and spray if 7-10 mites/leaf are observed or at first sign of leaf bronzing. This material will also control pear psylla when used at a higher rate. See PEAR psylla above.

PLUMS

Read the label and follow all safety precautions. For dilute spraying, refer to page 13, "GUIDE FOR SPRAYING TREE FRUITS"

TIME TO SPRAY	DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE	COMMENTS
GREEN TIP Just as buds are bursting	Red mite Scale insects Red mite only	Use one of: (1) superior oil (2) Ethion superior oil Superior Oil Concentrate	65.0 L 65.0 L 17 L	Spray on a calm day to improve coverage. Apply 3300 L of spray mixture (dilute rate) per hectare.
PREBLOOM When blossoms show white	Brown rot	Use one of: (1) captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP (2) sulfur 90-95% WP (3) Funginex 190 EC (4) Phygon-XL 50% WP or Dichlone 50% WP	6.75 kg 4.25 kg 20.25 kg 2.5 L 1.75 kg 1.75 kg	To help control brown rot, knock off mummied fruit when pruning. Also, cultivate entire orchard before bloom. Sulfur helps control Eriophyid mites on European plums and prunes. Captan may cause injury, under some circumstances. Injury has occurred on Grand Prize, Early Golden, Shiro, Burbank and Ozark Premier. Make two to three applications from early to full bloom. Do not use Phygon or Dichlone for 5 days after frost. Do not use when temperatures are above 29°C. Do not use within 10-14 days of Bordeaux or oil.
	Black knot	Spray European plums, prunes and Damsons at weekly intervals starting at prebloom. There is no effective fungicide registered for black knot. However, several sprays from the bloom period through first cover of Benlate 50% WP at 1.1 kg/ha (full rate) tank mixed with captan 50 WP at 4.25 kg controls 'brown rot' where strains resistant to Benlate are not present, and has greatly reduced black knot. (See note on black knot, page 47.)		
DO NOT APPLY INSECTICIDES WHEN PLUM TREES ARE IN BLOOM. See note on Pollination page 7.				
PETAL FALL. When last of petals are falling	Red mite	Use one of: (1) Kelthane AP-35 or Kelthane 187.5 EC (2) Omite 30 W	4.5 kg 8.5 L 5.5 kg	See note on RED MITE control at end of Plum calendar. Requires temperature above 21°C to be effective.
SHUCK When most of the shucks are off	Brown rot	Use one of: (1) Sulfur 90-95% WP (2) Captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP	20.25 kg 6.75 kg 4.25 kg	Captan can cause leaf injury and spotting of the fruit on Japanese plums under some circumstances.
	Plum Curculio	Add one of: (1) Guthion 50% WP or APM 50 W (2) Imidan 50% WP (3) parathion 15% WP (4) Zolone 30% WP	2.0 kg 2.0 kg 3.75 kg 3.25 kg 3.25 kg	If temperatures are high, spray when the shucks split. Zolone will also control aphids

SHUCK	Red mite	Add one of: (1) Kelthane AP-35 or Kelthane 187.5 EC (2) Omite 30 W	4.5 kg 8.5 L 5.5 kg	If oil was not used at GREEN TIP , a second spray for mites is due at this time. See note on RED MITE at the end of Plum calendar.
FIRST COVER 12 days after SHUCK	Brown rot Leaf spot	Use one of the fungicides listed under SHUCK .		
SUMMER SPRAY	Plum curculio	Use one of the insecticides listed under SHUCK .		
The addition of Benlate 50% WP at 850g plus captan 50% WP at 4.25 kg/ha will improve brown rot control only where the fungus is not resistant to Benlate.				
SECOND COVER	Brown rot	Use one of: (1) sulfur 90-95% WP (2) Captan 50% WP or captan 80% WP	20.25 kg 6.75 kg 4.25 kg	During wet weather repeat applications between pickings. Check interval to harvest for materials. See page 76.
PRE-PICK	Brown rot	Use one of the fungicides listed under SECOND COVER .	Check interval to harvest for materials.	
Notes:				
¹ Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours ² Minimum period before reentry is 7 days				
APHIDS: If aphids are a problem, spray with one of: 1. Thiodan 50% WP 3.25 kg/ha; 2. diazinon 50% WP 3.25 kg/ha; 3. Zolone 30% WP 3.25 kg/ha. Very thorough coverage and calm, warm conditions are needed for good control. PEACH TREE BORER: If a problem, spray as directed for PEACHES , see page 39. POLLINATION: Both European and Japanese plums should be considered as self-unfruitful. Mixed plantings and insect pollinators are essential. Honeybees readily work plum blossoms. BLACK KNOT: Destroy affected wild plums and neglected plums near orchard. Cut out and burn all black knots before March. Make the cut 15 cm below the swelling. Collect and burn all prunings				
bearing knots. Knots left lying on the ground are a source of spores that start new infections. Inspect all plums in early summer for new knots and those that were missed. Cut these out and burn them. Apply prebloom spray to all Damsons, European type plums and prunes. APPLE MAGGOT: Where it has been a problem on prune, apply two or three sprays at 10-day intervals during July and early August. Consult Spray Service Circulars or Agri-phone for more details. Spray with one of: 1. diazinon 50% WP 3.25 kg/ha 2. Guthion 50% WP 2.0 kg/ha or ² APM 50 W 2.0 kg/ha 3. Imidan 50% WP 3.75 kg/ha 4. Zolone 30% WP 5.0 kg/ha ³ Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours				
HEAT SPOT: High temperatures may cause purplish spots on plum and prune fruits which exude clear gum. The spots develop about five to eight days after the hot spell. Summer cover crops and mulch help to reduce this physiological disease. Spraying with 4 kg/1000 L calcium chloride in mid-July and in early August has been demonstrated to reduce this disorder on prunes. Three sprays, 10-12 days apart, should be applied. RED MITE: Mite control is difficult on plums and especially on prune varieties. Apply GREEN TIP and PETAL FALL SPRAYS , or PETAL FALL and SHUCK SPRAYS , using the recommended miticides. SUMMER SPRAY about mid-July, if mites are found on leaves of susceptible varieties (especially prunes); spray thoroughly with one of the miticides listed after first cover but not closer than the number of days allowed before harvest.				

RASPBERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES

Do not use Guthion, or Systox in knapsack or other home garden-type sprayers. Read the label and follow all safety precautions.

TIME TO SPRAY	DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	AMOUNT PER HECTARE	AMOUNT PER 1000 LITRES	COMMENTS
Do not spray closer to harvest than the number of days given in brackets. Unless otherwise stated use at least 2000 L of water per hectare.					
GREEN TIP	Anthraxnose and Spur blight	DNOC liquid (Elgetol)	17.0 L	10 L	DO NOT USE LATER THAN 1/4" GREEN DUE TO PHYTOTOXICITY. Use 1500 L of water per hectare. This is the primary component of a good control program.
PREBLOOM until blossoms open.	Anthraxnose and Spur blight	ferbam 76% WDG	4.5 kg	2.25 kg	Apply when canes are 25-30 cm tall and again just before first bloom.
	Powdery mildew	Use one of: (1) Benlate 50% WP (1 day) (2) Easout 70% WP (1 day)	1.1 kg 1.1 kg	550 g 550 g	In problem patches, spray when mildew is first observed. Repeat in 7 to 10 days. See "Pest Resistance" page 9.
	Plant bug	Guthion 50% WP (7 days)	1.5 kg	750 g	Repeat in 10 to 12 days.
	Raspberry sawfly	(1) Rotenone 5% WP (1 day) (2) diazinon 50% WP	11.0 kg 2.0 kg	4.0 kg 1.0 kg	Repeat in 7 to 10 days. Diazinon will also provide some aphid and raspberry fruitworm control. Do not apply after first blossoms open.
	Raspberry fruitworm	malathion 25% (1 day)	4.5 kg	2.25 kg	Repeat in 7 to 10 days when bees are not working in the patch.
SEE PAGE 7 FOR WAYS TO REDUCE BEE POISONING					
POLLINATION: These crops are self-fertile but insects assist in pollination. The blossoms are highly attractive and are readily visited by honeybees.					
BLOOM	Fruit rots on raspberries	Use one of: (1) captan 50% WP (2 days) or captan 80% WP (2 days) (2) Benlate 50% WP (2 days) plus captan 50% WP	4.5 kg 3.25 kg 1.1 kg 4.5 kg	2.25 kg 1.75 kg 550 g 2.25 kg	Repeat every 7 to 10 days to harvest. Because fungus can become resistant to Benlate, captan is recommended.
SPECIAL SPRAYS When insects or mites first appear. Repeat as necessary.	Leafhoppers	Use one of: (1) Guthion 50% WP (7 days) (2) malathion 25% WP (1 day)	1.5 kg 4.5 kg	750 g 2.25 kg	Do not spray with insecticides when bees are working on berry blossoms.
	Two-spotted spider mite	Kelthane 187.5 EC (7 days)	9.0 L	4.5 L	
POSTHARVEST SPRAY As soon as crop harvest is complete.	Powdery mildew	Use one of: (1) Benlate 50% WP (2) Easout 70% WP	1.1 kg 1.1 kg	550 g 550 g	Repeat at 14-day intervals. Repeat at 14-day intervals.

POSTHARVEST SPRAY (continued)

Anthraxnose and Spur blight	ferbam 76% WDG	4.5 kg	2.25 kg	Remove and destroy old canes immediately after harvest.
Aphids	² Systox 240 EC	3.0 L	1.5 L	Aphids spread virus diseases. May also control two-spotted spider mite.
Two-spotted spider mite	(1) Kelthane 187.5 EC (2) ² Systox 240 EC	9.0 L 3.0 L	4.5 L 1.5 L	

¹Minimum period before reentry is 24 hours.
²Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.

OTHER INSECTS AND DISEASES

1. **Viruses:** Virus diseases such as mosaic and leaf-curl are the main causes of low yields and poor quality fruit. The following steps will help minimize virus spread:

- Plant virus-tested, certified stock.
- Destroy all nearby wild raspberries and blackberries.
- Set new plantation at least 16.0 m from older plantations. Red raspberries should not be planted close to purple and black raspberries.
- Rogue out and completely destroy all virus-infested plants as soon as symptoms of mosaic or leaf-curl appear.

2. **Cane Borer:** Canes girdled with two rings 15 mm apart. Examine canes frequently in June and July. Cut off wilted tips below lower ring, as they appear.

3. **Crown Gall:** Do not plant canes affected with crown gall. Avoid injury to crown and roots. Maintain high soil fertility.

4. **Orange Rust of Blackberry:** Bright orange pustules appear on lower surface of leaves. Dig out and destroy infected plants early in the spring before pustules break open.

5. **Sap Beetles:** Black beetles with cream markings infest berries in boxes. No chemical sprays give satisfactory control. Never put boxes of berries on ground. Remove from planting to screened building or shelter immediately after picking. For small plantings, use baits consisting of: (a) apple cider vinegar (1 L) plus 1 teaspoonful of either Sevin or Thiodan and place in small wide-screened jars throughout planting. Renew bait every few days;

(b) mashed bananas or chopped up immature sweet corn and mixed with Thiodan 50% WP at the rate of 500 g per 25 kg; (3) level tablespoons per 1.0 kg) of ground material. Place bait on disposable pieplates (about 100 g per plate) and cover with second perforated plate. Distribute traps at 16.0 m intervals. Renew with fresh bait each week. Dispose of old bait and used pieplates by burying. KEEP BAIT OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN, PETS AND LIVESTOCK.

6. **Verticillium Wilt (bluestem):** Do not plant following tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants, or peppers and do not interplant with these crops. Red raspberries: Cut out and destroy infected canes. Black and purple raspberries: Dig out and destroy infected plants. See page 67 for preplanting soil fumigation treatment.

7. **Cane Blight:** Canes wilt and die just before fruiting. Canes grayish. Most prevalent on canes weakened by insect and winter injury.

8. **Winter Injury:** Provide good drainage. Sow cover crop to check late growth. Do not cut canes back in fall.

9. **Nematodes:** Stunted, straggly canes. See page 67.

10. **Raspberry Crown Borer:** If more than 5% of the crowns are infested, apply a drench to the crown area. Infested planting should be treated for at least two years running.

Fall Treatment: Mid-September — mid-October; Drench crown area using Diazinon 500 EC 1.0 L (50% WP — 1.0 kg) per 1000 L of water. Apply 4000-5000 L of spray mixture per hectare. **Spring**

Treatment: When new growth appears: apply treatment as above.

11. **Phytophthora Root Rot of Raspberry:** A newly recognized disease complex characterized by patches of dying or stunted canes with yellow leaves and small fruits. Previously these symptoms were attributed entirely to wet soil conditions and/or winter injury. Diseased canes have major roots with a distinct margin between the reddish-brown infected tissue and green healthy tissue, which may extend half way around the root and run along its length.

Chemical Control for New Planting: Use 150 mL of Ridomil 240 EC as a drench treatment to 100 m of row, 1 m wide, centred over the row. Apply in the spring after planting, and again in the fall (mid-October, but no later than October 31). Drench with at least 2500 L of water per hectare.

Chemical Control for Established Plantings: Apply Ridomil 240 EC at the above rate but *only in the fall* (mid-October but no later than October 31). Ridomil should *not* be applied in the spring on established plantings.

OTHER CULTURAL PRACTICES RECOMMENDED

- Immediately when harvest is finished, remove and burn old canes, plus diseased and spindly new canes.
- Plant on well-drained soil and on a site with good air circulation.
- Space rows at least 2.5 m apart. Limit width to 0.5-0.6 m. Do not allow planting to become too dense.
- Keep rows free from weeds.
- In spring prune out and burn canes or portions of canes showing swelling, scars or cracks.

STRAWBERRIES

Read the label and follow all safety precautions.

TIME TO SPRAY	DISEASES AND INSECTS	MATERIALS	When spraying, use enough water to thoroughly wet plants.	
			AMOUNT PER HECTARE	COMMENTS

NEW PLANTING

IN THE FALL BEFORE PLANTING

White grub
Wireworm

DO NOT PLANT strawberries directly following sod since white grubs and wireworms are likely to be prevalent. Crop rotation practices with cereal or cole crops should be followed after sod and before strawberries.

225 to 450 L
550 to 900 L

Use one of:
(1) Vorlex
(2) Vapam

Verticillium
wilt
Nematodes

Treatment costly. Soil should be in seedbed condition, plant debris well-rotted, and soil temperature at 4°C or higher. Cultipack or irrigate to seal the soil surface. See page 68.

Use one of:
(1) Vorlex
(2) Telone II B

Nematodes
only

55 to 130 L
170 L

See page 67.

Root weevil

Avoid planting strawberries adjacent to older plantings, particularly if fairly well-defined areas of stunted plants have been noted in these plantings. They may be infested with strawberry root weevil.

Set out only vigorous, healthy certified plants, apparently free of June yellows and viruses.

AFTER PLANTING

Cutworms

Use one of:
(1) Sevin 50% WP
or Sevin 85% WP
(2) Poison bait

2.25 kg
1.25 kg

POISONED BAIT: Thoroughly mix 11 kg bran with Sevin 50% WP at 900 g or Sevin 85% WP at 540 g. Then moisten with water, about 10 L and mix thoroughly. Broadcast freshly prepared bait at dusk on a warm evening at 9 to 11 kg/ha. Sprays of Sevin will control above ground cutworms only.

1st or 2nd WEEK
IN JUNE and again
between AUG. 15
and AUG. 25

Strawberry
leafhopper

Use one of:
(1) ¹parathion 15% WP
(2) ²Guthion 50% WP
or ³APM 50 W
(3) malathion 25% WP

1.75 kg
1.5 kg
1.5 kg
4.5 kg

Use sufficient water to wet plants thoroughly. Repeated applications will be necessary for leafhopper control.

**ONE MONTH
AFTER
PLANTING
and again ONCE
OR TWICE AT
2-WEEK
INTERVALS**

Blight
Scorch
Leaf spot

Use one of:
(1) Bordeaux
(2) Cyrex 65% WP
or Equal 65% WP

5-5-1000 L
1.75 kg
1.75 kg

FALL

Red Stele

Ridomil 240 E

4.2 L

This application is only necessary where there has been a history of Red Stele. Consult your Horticultural Crops Advisor. One application should be made in early September, and a second treatment in late October, but no later than October 31.

Apply as a broadcast application in sufficient water to ensure even coverage. If dry conditions prevail at time of application use sufficient water volume (2500 L/ha) to ensure movement of Ridomil into root zone.

BEARING PLANTS

(See Guidelines for Spraying Strawberries page 53)

DO NOT SPRAY closer to harvest than the number of days indicated in brackets following materials (see Table 18, page 76.)

Blight
Scorch
Leaf spot

Use one of:
(1) Bordeaux
(2) Cyrex 65% WP (7 days)
or Equal 65% WP (7 days)

10-10-2000 L
1.75 kg
1.75 kg

Do not use with insecticides listed below.
Cyrex or Equal may injure Earldawn plants. For instructions on mixing Bordeaux see page 13.

**FIRST SPRAY
WHEN BUDS
ARE VISIBLE
IN CROWN**

Fruit rot
(Botrytis)

Use one of:
(1) captan 50% WP (2 days)
or captan 80% WP (2 days)
(2) Dyrene 50% WP (5 days)

6.75 kg
4.25 kg
3.25 kg

Dyrene may cause foliage injury if used soon after a frost. Early season spraying is essential. Spray every 7 to 10 days. Reduce interval to three to five days during rainy periods. Captan gives short residual control under wet conditions.

Do not use Rovral in consecutive sprays or more than two sprays per season. Alternate with other fungicides.

(3) Rovral 50% WP (1 day) 2.0 kg
(4) Phaltan 50% WP (1 day) 2.25 kg

Strawberry Clipper
Weevil

Use one of:

(1) ²Furadan 480 F
(2) ²Guthion 50% WP
(3) malathion 25% WP

1.1 L
1.1 kg
6.75 kg

Strawberry weevil may be active in the spring before mulch is removed. Use Furadan not later than first bloom because of its toxicity to pollinating insects. Furadan may remain toxic to beneficial insects for at least 10 days. Use Furadan only once during the season.

²Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.
³Minimum period before reentry is 7 days.

STRAWBERRIES (Continued)

DISEASES AND INSECTS		AMOUNT PER HECTARE		COMMENTS
TIME TO SPRAY				
ABOUT FIRST WEEK IN MAY	Spittle bug	Use one of: (1) Guthion 50% WP (5 days) 1.1 kg or (2) APM 50 W (5 days) 1.1 kg (2) Thiodan 50% WP (7 days) 1.1 kg		Guthion will also control strawberry weevil (blossom clipper). If spittle masses are already numerous, use Thiodan.
WHEN FIRST BUDS SHOW WHITE	Fruit rot (Botrytis)	Use one of the fungicides listed for fruit rot in the FIRST SPRAY .		
	Strawberry Clipper weevil	Use one of: (1) Guthion 50% WP (5 days) 1.1 kg (2) malathion 25% WP (3 days) 6.75 kg *(3) Cymbush 250 EC (7 days) 280 mL or Ripcord 400 EC (7 days) 175 mL		This also controls spittlebug. Repeated use of Cymbush and Ripcord are discouraged. May induce mite problems. See "Pest Resistance" page 9.
POLLINATION: Most varieties are self-fruitful but insects do assist in pollen transfer. Honeybees are excellent pollinators.				
FIRST BLOOM	Plant bugs	Use one of: (1) Cygon 480 E 2.75 L (2) Thiodan 50% WP 2.25 kg *(3) Cymbush 250 EC 280 mL or Ripcord 400 EC 175 mL		DO NOT SPRAY WHEN BEES ARE WORKING, SPRAY IN EVENING. See page 7 for ways to reduce bee poisoning. Repeat in seven days. Repeated use of Cymbush and Ripcord are discouraged. May induce mite problems. See "Pest Resistance" page 9.
	Fruit rot (Botrytis)	Use one of the fungicides listed for fruit rot in the FIRST SPRAY .		Keeping all flower parts coated with fungicide during bloom is essential to good control of Botrytis.
7 TO 10 DAYS AFTER FIRST BLOOM and REPEAT 7 TO 10 DAYS LATER	Plant bugs	Thiodan 50% WP (7 days) 2.25 kg		DO NOT SPRAY WHEN BEES ARE WORKING, SPRAY IN EVENING. See page 7 for ways to reduce bee poisoning. Shorten intervals to three days if weather is wet.
	Fruit rot (Botrytis)	Use one of the fungicides listed for fruit rot in the FIRST SPRAY .		If irrigation is necessary, water early in the day to allow plants to dry off before nightfall. Do not use Rovral in consecutive sprays or more than two sprays per season. Alternate with other fungicides.
TO END OF HARVEST	Fruit rot (Botrytis)	Use one of: (1) Phaltan 50% WP (1 day) 2.25 kg (2) Rovral 50% WP (1 day) 2.0 kg (3) captan 50% WP (2 days) 6.75 kg or captan 80% WP (2 days) 4.25 kg		Do not exceed captan rate, or spray closer than 48 hours prior to picking to ensure legal residue levels (5 ppm). See note C at end of strawberry calendar.

Leathery Rot (Phytophthora)

Distribute along edge of rows but not on strawberry plants. Keep domestic animals and birds from treated areas. Read label re: poisoning. Very poisonous to dogs.

Metaldehyde bait

Slugs

This application is only necessary where there has been a history of red stele. Consult your Horticultural Crop Advisor or Pest Management Specialist. One application should be made in early September, followed by a second application in late October, but no later than October 31. Apply as an overall application in sufficient water (2500 L/ha) to ensure movement of Ridomil into root zone. DO NOT apply Ridomil in the Spring on established plantings.

4.2 L

Ridomil 240 EC

Red Stele

FALL

Minimum period before reentry is 48 hours.

**Repeated applications are not recommended. See "Pest Resistance", page 9.*

OTHER PESTS:

A. Two-spotted mite: Spray to cover undersides of leaves thoroughly at first sign of this mite and repeat application at 7-day intervals. Use one of: Kelthane AP-35 (dicofof) 2.75 kg (2 days); ethion 25% WP 2.25 kg (8 days); Omite 30 W 5.5 kg (7 days) per hectare.

B. Strawberry root weevil: This is not the same insect as the strawberry weevil that clips the blossoms in the spring. Since the adult cannot fly, isolation of the new strawberry planting from older planting should provide protection.

Consult your Horticultural Crop Advisor or Pest Management Specialist for more information.

C. Leathery rot (Phytophthora): The use of capitan or Phaltan has been observed to reduce the incidence of leathery rot although they are not currently registered for control of this disease. Leathery rot is worse under cool, wet harvest conditions. A straw mulch thick enough to prevent soil splash onto berries will greatly reduce leathery rot.

D. Powdery Mildew: Renovate old plantings immediately after harvest. If a problem in new plantings, apply Benlate 50% WP at 1.1 to 1.75 kg/ha.

E. Cyclamen mite: Spray with Thiodan (50% endosulfan WP) 2.2 kg (7 days) in 1000 L of water, and apply at 5000 to 8000 L of spray per hectare. Plow under old plantings. DO NOT plant new plantings adjacent to older plantings. Consult your Horticultural Crop Advisor or Pest Management Specialist.

GUIDELINES FOR SPRAYING STRAWBERRIES

To find the nozzle size for a boom sprayer do the following:

1. Divide the number of square metres per hectare by the swath width.

$$\frac{10,000 \text{ (square metres)}}{\text{width (metres)}} = \text{travel distance (metres per hectare)}$$

2. Travel distance (metres per hectare) = spraying time (minutes per hectare)

$$\frac{\text{Travel speed (metres per minute)}}{\text{Travel distance (metres per hectare)}} = \text{spraying time (minutes per hectare)}$$

3. Litres per hectare = Litres per minute (for all nozzles)

4. Litres per minute = Litres per minute per nozzle

Number of nozzles

5. From manufacturers' charts (see pages 41-47, publication 373, Orchard Sprayers), choose a nozzle to give this output at the desired pressure. Further guidance is found in the section on "Strawberries."

Results from a recent sprayer assessment show that several factors contribute to poor control of botrytis rot of blossoms and berries.

1. Foliage that is very tall and dense keeps the humidity high and promotes rot.

2. Very wide rows and narrow spaces cause poor aeration and slow drying.

3. Booms having all nozzles above the crop give poor penetration and light deposits on lower surfaces of leaves and on calyxes of blossoms.

4. Air-blasts row-crop sprayers spray well only the first three rows. Sides away from the sprayer get poorer coverage.

5. Conjet air-shear sprayer with drive nozzles penetrates well, especially when drop arms are used.

6. Drop arms on boom sprayers improve coverage greatly.

7. Speeds greater than 3 km/h with boom sprayers give poorer coverage.

FERTILIZER AND SOIL MANAGEMENT — FRUIT CROPS

General Considerations

Prior to planting the orchard, vineyard or strawberry plantings soil tests are recommended. Soil pH (acidity) should also be checked, particularly in tree rows. Leaf analysis and soil testing services are offered by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food through Agri-Foods Labs, 503 Imperial Road, Unit One, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6T9.

Sampling instructions are supplied by your local Horticultural Crop Advisor.

Leaf analysis is the best method of determining nutrient needs in established orchards and vineyards because it most accurately reflects the uptake of nutrients by the trees or vines. Nutrient uptake is affected by all orchard conditions including nutrient and moisture supply. Consequently, each year the actual amounts present will be slightly higher or lower depending upon the season. In order to obtain optimum growth and fruit quality adequate levels of the nutrients must be present in the leaves and the relative amounts must be balanced. For example, with McIntosh, optimum fruit storage quality is obtained when the amount of leaf nitrogen is 2.1% and the ratio of nitrogen relative to potassium is 1.25. A higher ratio indicates excessive nitrogen whereas a lower ratio may be reflected in poor terminal growth, light foliage, reduced fruit size and crop.

Even with optimum levels of nitrogen or potassium, poor growth can be attributed to low levels of magnesium, boron, zinc or other micronutrients which will be reflected in the leaf analysis. For leaf analyses to be most effective, the same trees should be sampled each year and yearly adjustments made to the fertilizer program on the basis of leaf analyses, growth, fruit size, color and storage quality, etc. Some growers sample every third year to monitor the effectiveness of their fertilizer program. (Further information is available on the current Factsheet on Leaf Analysis.)

Leaf analysis application forms, sampling instructions, soil sample boxes and information sheets may be obtained from local offices of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food or from Agri-Food Laboratories.

Fertilizers are guaranteed in terms of N (elemental nitrogen), P_2O_5 (phosphate) and K_2O (potash). In the following pages, fertilizer rates will be suggested in terms of N, P_2O_5 and K_2O . The amount of fertilizer material to apply can be determined by multiplying the N, P_2O_5 or K_2O needed by 100 and then dividing by the % of that element contained in the fertilizer material.

Nitrogen

Most bearing orchards require annual applications of nitrogen fertilizer. However, certain precautions must be observed. Fruit trees need ample amounts in the spring to start vigorous growth. If too much nitrogen is applied, or if it is applied too late in the season, fruit color and quality may be poor. While this is particularly serious for apples that are kept in long term storage, it is also true of other fruits, including peaches. Excessive nitrogen, therefore, must be avoided late in the season. Nitrogen should be applied in early April to allow proper utilization.

The use of cover crops in cultivated orchards will help to lower the nitrogen level in the latter part of the season. Cover crops such as Italian ryegrass, sown about July 1 in orchards or August 1 in vineyards, will take up much of the available nitrogen in the soil and in this way have a desirable effect in checking tree growth.

In herbicide-treated strips under trees, weed growth late in the season will take up extra nitrogen and assist in hardening off trees and improving fruit quality. Mouse control must be part of the management system and becomes more difficult when there is a lot of weed growth.

Table 6 indicates the percentage of nitrogen desired in mid-shoot leaves collected from bearing fruit trees after the terminal bud has formed in mid-July or in grape petioles collected in September.

TABLE 6. NITROGEN LEVELS IN MID-SHOOT LEAVES OF FRUIT TREES TAKEN THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF JULY AND IN GRAPE PETIOLES TAKEN IN SEPTEMBER.

Tissue Samples	Percentage Nitrogen		
	Low (Less than)	Optimum Range	High (Above)
Apple Leaves			
a. Delicious, Mutsu, Paulared, Scotia, Tydemans	2.2	2.2-2.7	2.7
b. Empire, Russet, Spy	2.1	2.1-2.6	2.6
c. McIntosh and other varieties	2.0	2.0-2.5	2.5
Peach Leaves			
a. Babygold 7, Candor, Harbelle, Sunhaven, Velvet	3.5	3.5-4.1	4.1
b. Harbinger, Harbrite, Redskin, Vivid	3.3	3.3-3.9	3.9
c. Other varieties	3.4	3.4-4.0	4.0
Pear Leaves			
a. Bartlett	2.0	2.0-2.6	2.6
b. Bosc and Clapp	2.1	2.1-2.7	2.7
c. Flemish Beauty	2.2	2.2-2.8	2.8
Montmorency Cherry Leaves			
	2.2	2.2-2.9	2.9
Grape Petioles			
a. Baco Noir, De Chaunac, Foch, S Blanc, Verdelet, Vidal	0.8	0.8-1.4	1.4
b. Catawba, Fredonia, Niagara, President	0.6	0.6-1.2	1.2
c. Other varieties	0.7	0.7-1.3	1.3

Note: 1. For non-bearing trees the nitrogen levels should be 0.2% higher.

2. For apple trees on M9 and M26 rootstocks nitrogen levels should be 0.2% higher.

Nitrogen Rates

The best guide to nitrogen rate is tree growth, foliage colour and fruit quality, variety, type of management and nutrient balance in your soil and leaves. However, as a general rule of thumb for cultivated orchards, the following rates could be considered normal. For each year of the tree's age, apply between 15 and 20 g of N (45-60 g ammonium nitrate or 33-45 g urea or 90-120 g calcium nitrate). Thus a 20-year-old tree in a cultivated orchard would require 300-400 g N (0.9-1.2 kg ammonium nitrate). Use the most economical source of nitrogen based on cost per unit of N (actual nitrogen).

For unmulched sod orchards, immediately following sod establishment, the rates should be doubled. If the orchard is mulched, the need for nitrogen will vary depending on the kind of sod, width of herbicide strip or the mulch being used. Between 30 and 40 g N per year of a tree's age should be applied.

Suggested maximum rates of nitrogen application in cases of severe deficiency are 1.5 kg N per tree or equivalent for mature seedling apple or sweet cherry trees in sod, and 0.75 kg nitrogen per mature tree in cultivation. For cultivated mature peach and sour cherry trees a maximum of 0.75 kg N per tree is suggested. Mature pear and plum orchards in sod should not receive more than 1.25 kg N per tree.

Varieties differ in their nitrogen requirements. For example, a variety grown for processing could receive more nitrogen than one for fresh market. If fruit size tends to be small, more nitrogen may be needed. Rootstock, spacing and pruning also have an influence. When the tree canopy has covered the space available, nitrogen fertilizer requirements will level out and will not increase indefinitely with tree age. Again, leaf analysis is the most reliable guide.

A spring application of 35 kg N/ha broadcast on the sod, in addition to the application required by the trees, will encourage sod growth.

Mature grape vines grown on sandy loam soil should receive 50 kg/ha of nitrogen (150 kg/ha ammonium nitrate). Grapes grown on clay loam soils benefit from mature applications (22 T/ha every second year). This normally will supply the nitrogen requirements of vines.

Small fruits (strawberries, raspberries, currants and gooseberries) should receive a complete fertilizer containing nitrogen before planting (i.e. 500 kg/ha 10-20-20). After planting sidedress strawberries with 30 kg/ha N in late August in the first and subsequent years on coarse-textured soils. An earlier sidedressing in the planting year may be advisable. In the second and subsequent years apply 50 kg/ha N in a complete fertilizer (i.e. 500 kg/ha 10-10-10) at the time of renovation.

For established plantings of other small fruits apply 50 kg/ha N in complete fertilizer (i.e. 500 kg/ha 10-20-20) annually in early spring at the time of first cultivation.

Nitrogen Placement

In cultivated orchards nitrogen should be broadcast under the tree canopy. In sod orchards the nitrogen should be placed in a band under the drip line or in the herbicide strip to be more effective. On young trees the fertilizer should be broadcast at least 15 cm from the trunk, under the spread of the branches.

Nitrogen Equivalent Table

Different fertilizer materials supply different amounts of

N. Examples are shown in Table 7. Different rates of those materials are needed to supply the same amount of N. For example, 44 kg of ammonium nitrate is equivalent to 97 kg calcium nitrate, or 33 kg urea.

TABLE 7. AMOUNT OF NITROGEN FERTILIZERS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY SPECIFIC AMOUNTS OF NITROGEN

kg actual Nitrogen	Ammonium Nitrate (34% N)	Ammonium Sulfate (21% N)	Urea (45% N)	Potassium Nitrate (13% N)	Calcium Nitrate (15.5% N)
	required kg of fertilizer material				
5.0	15	24	11	38	32
10.0	29	48	22	76	64
15.0	44	72	33	115	97
20.0	59	96	44	154	130
30.0	88	144	67	230	194
40.0	118	192	89	308	259

In deciding what nitrogen fertilizer to use, calculate the cost per unit of actual nitrogen (N). Under most conditions, the fertilizer which costs least per unit of actual nitrogen should be used. This may not be the cheapest per tonne of fertilizer. Soil application of urea to sod orchards is not recommended since some of the nitrogen may be lost from the urea by volatilization.

Ammonium sulfate can be used with blueberries to help maintain soil acidity.

Foliar applications or urea (45% nitrogen) have been used successfully on apples and strawberries, when weather or crop conditions resulted in a need for additional nitrogen at a critical time. They are not generally recommended. Late application on apples may adversely affect quality. On apples, use no more than 2.7 kg N per 1000 L (6 kg urea) and apply at least 2000 L/ha starting with the first cover spray, and spacing the sprays about 10 days apart. Do not apply more than three times. On low-nitrogen, fruiting strawberry plantings, apply at the same rate as for apples, at weekly intervals until the harvest is near completion.

Do not rely on urea sprays to completely substitute for soil applications if nitrogen is required. Under some conditions nitrogen starvation of woody tissue can occur leading to poor fruit set and fruit development.

N and K can be applied together in a single mix of the required quantities of each. Be sure that materials are well mixed and do not separate during application.

Potassium (K)

Potassium is an important nutrient for tree fruits and grapes. It is frequently required in Ontario orchards and vineyards.

The concentration of K and Mg found in leaf and petiole samples given in Table 8 are guidelines to be used in determining the nutrient status of orchards and vineyards.

Muriate of potash can be applied separately or combined with nitrogen in the early spring. In sod orchards it should be applied in a band around the drip line or in the herbicide strip and in cultivated orchards it may be broadcast before the first cultivation. Fall application is preferred by some orchardists because of time constraints in spring but some of the potash may be lost by leaching over winter. Early spring application is preferred. If leaf analysis data is not available, apply 50 g

K₂O per 2.5 cm trunk cross-section. No more than 3 kg of K₂O (5 kg muriate of potash) should be applied per mature tree in a year.

CAUTION: On young trees, especially on sandy soils, trunk and root damage may occur if the fertilizer is applied in a narrow band or too close to the trunk. Keep the fertilizer away from the trunks and apply proper rates to young trees.

Grapes require large amounts of potassium fertilizer particularly in dry years. If petiole analyses are not available, apply 250 kg/ha K₂O (400 kg/ha KC1) every second year to grapes grown on clay loam soils and 125 kg/ha K₂O every year to grapes grown on sandy loam soils where leaching losses will be greater. Band application before the first cultivation is preferred on clay loam soils while potassium fertilizer can be broadcast on sandy loam soils. Response to potassium fertilizer by grapes has been greater when adequate amounts of organic materials (manure, hay or straw) previously have been applied to maintain soil structure.

Potassium requirements of small fruits can be applied in a complete fertilizer as outlined under nitrogen if soil test information is not available.

Magnesium (Mg)

Magnesium deficiency is becoming more evident in orchards, and vineyards, particularly in eastern Ontario or when high rates of potash are used. Magnesium deficiency of grapes is also occurring more frequently. Foliar application of magnesium sulfate (epsom salts) is effective in controlling this deficiency on high lime soils.

At least 3.8 kg Mg/ha (40 kg magnesium sulfate) should be applied at each time of application. For dilute application, use 1.9 kg Mg/1000 L with at least 2000 L/ha. Do not exceed 3.8 kg magnesium/1000 L. Fruit or foliage injury is possible from a mixture of pesticides with magnesium sulfate. Mixtures with Cyprex, Captan, Benlate and Polyram, Imidan and Sevin have been applied to apples with no foliage or fruit injury. However, growers would be wise to try mixtures on a few trees before spraying a complete orchard. Magnesium chelates can be safely combined with pesticides and should be applied at a rate of 0.5 kg Mg/ha at each application.

Magnesium sprays should be applied, starting around the calyx period for apples and early July for grapes, continuing on a bi-weekly schedule until the three sprays are applied.

Soil applications of magnesium in combination with foliar application may give a longer lasting effect. Sulfate of potash-magnesia may be applied when both potash and magnesium are required. Rates will depend on K requirement and should be supplemented by foliar applications of magnesium. Dolomitic limestone should be used to supply magnesium on acid soils as it is an excellent source and is economical.

Phosphorus (P)

Phosphorus is not required in large amounts by fruit trees or grapes. Small fruits, sod and cover crops require both phosphorus and potassium which can be broadcast on the orchard floor. Soil tests are required to determine the P requirement of cover crops.

Apply phosphorus for small fruits in a complete fertilizer as outlined under nitrogen if soil test values are not known. A complete fertilizer (100 kg/ha 10-20-20) should be applied before seeding a cover crop to supply phosphorus needs if soil test information is not available.

Calcium (Ca)

Calcium should be applied at the rate of 3.6 kg/ha in 2000 L water (calcium chloride 5 kg/1000 L or calcium nitrate 9 kg/1000 L) for each application. Begin in mid-July and apply at least 3 times, with a two-week interval between each application. The more calcium that can be applied the better the control. Additional sprays can be applied up to harvest.

DO NOT CONCENTRATE OR SPRAY AT TEMPERATURES ABOVE 25°C. (77°F.)

If nitrogen level in the leaves is high, calcium chloride is preferred to calcium nitrate. Calcium sprays have also reduced gummosis of Italian prune fruit and breakdown of stems of bunches of Canada Muscat and Himrod grapes.

Other sources of calcium, (calcium chelates, Stopit) have increased fruit Ca and reduced bitter pit. Follow manufacturers' instructions. Calcium chloride has been found to be compatible with the same pesticides mentioned under magnesium. Check with pesticide manufacturers regarding compatibility with calcium chloride.

TABLE 8. POTASSIUM (K) AND MAGNESIUM (MG) LEVELS IN MID-SHOOT LEAVES OF FRUIT TREES TAKEN THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF JULY AND IN GRAPE PETIOLES TAKEN IN SEPTEMBER.

Tissue Samples	% Potassium			% Magnesium		
	Low Less Than	Optimum	High Above	Low Less Than	Optimum	High Above
Apple Leaves	1.3	1.3-2.0	2.0	0.25	0.25-0.35	0.35
Peach Leaves	2.0	2.0-3.3	3.3	0.40	0.40-0.80	0.80
Pear Leaves	1.3	1.3-2.0	2.0	0.25	0.25-0.50	0.50
Montmorency Cherry Leaves	1.5	1.5-2.1	2.1	0.35	0.35-0.85	0.85
Grape Petioles*						
a. Agawam, Baco Noir, Dutchess, Foch	1.1	1.1-2.2	2.2	0.60	0.60-1.5	1.5
b. De Chaunac, Delaware, Gamay, P. Chardonnay	1.2	1.2-2.3	2.3	0.60	0.60-1.5	1.5
c. Catawba, Concord, Elvira, Veepart,	0.8	0.8-1.8	1.8	0.60	0.60-1.5	1.5
Ventura, Vincent	1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0	0.60	0.60-1.5	1.5
d. Other varieties						

*K levels will be higher and Mg levels lower in vines grown on sandy loam soils.

Lime

In recent years a trend to lower soil pH has been noted, particularly in tree rows. If the soil pH in established orchards is above 6.0, lime is not needed. In established orchards, when the pH on clay loam soils drops below 5.1, and on sandy loam soils below 5.6, lime should be applied. This will raise the soil pH (reduce the acidity) and also supply calcium. Dolomitic lime (high in magnesium) should be used on soils low in magnesium. Rates of application will vary with soil type and initial pH.

Lime will be much more effective if it is incorporated into the soil. Incorporation prior to orchard planting is the preferred method of adjusting the pH. Lime should be applied at this time to clay loam soils when the pH is below 5.6 and to sandy loam soils when pH is below 6.1. See Table 9, page 58.

The amount of lime required depends on the clay and organic matter content of the soil. The soil pH is used to determine which soils need to be limed. A separate soil test, the buffer pH test, is done on soils needing lime to determine the actual amount of lime required. For soils needing lime, Table 9 may be used to determine the tonnes of lime required to reach a certain target pH value (based on the buffer pH).

The target pH before planting an orchard or vineyard should be 6.5 on sandy soils and 6.0 on clay soils. If the orchard or vineyard is established reduce these target pH's by 0.5 units.

Micronutrients

Deficiencies of micronutrients or trace elements are not widespread in Ontario fruit plantings. Boron deficiency is the most common. Deficiencies of zinc, manganese and iron may show up occasionally, particularly in alkaline soils.

The range between enough and too much is very small for micronutrients. More damage is possible with excesses than with deficiencies. For this reason, micronutrients should not be applied to fruit crops except when deficiency is shown by leaf analysis, visible symptoms, or on the advice of technical persons.

Application of only the nutrient that is deficient, in sufficient quantities to correct the problem, is desirable.

Boron (B)

Boron deficiency occurs mainly on alkaline soils or on sandy knolls. Apples are the most sensitive of the fruit crops to boron deficiency. Symptoms include internal breakdown of the fruit, highly colored fruit that drops prematurely. A boron concentration in apple leaf tissue less than 20 ppm is considered deficient.

Soluble boron fertilizers such as 'Solubor' should be applied at rates supplying 0.2 kg B/1000 L (1 kg Solubor/1000 L) twice starting in early June. At least 2000 L/ha should be sprayed if a proven deficiency of boron exists. Boron excess may result in a yellowing of leaf edges and midrib, reduced yields, and a shortened storage life of the fruit.

Manganese (Mn)

Manganese deficiency occurs occasionally in fruit growing areas of Ontario. Its occurrence is closely related to weather conditions particularly rainfall and soil moisture, as well as soil pH. It is most prevalent in wet seasons or with high soil pH (alkaline conditions).

In mild cases of deficiency, there is a yellowing of the interveinal leaf areas of young leaves near the shoot-tip. Normally, this is not serious. Leaf manganese concentrations below 20 ppm are considered deficient. Fruit size, yield, and quality appear to be unaffected. If the condition is severe, spray application of manganese sulfate at the rate of 1.3 kg Mn/1000 L (5 kg product) at 2000 L/ha may be used as a corrective measure. Manganese chelates* are also effective in correcting manganese deficiency at the rate of 0.25 kg Mn/ha (5 L/ha of 5% product).

On Red Delicious apples and some peach cultivars **manganese toxicity** can occur on light textured acid soils. The symptoms known as "measles" are raised pimples on the bark underlain by dark brown spots. Other symptoms that may be observed are leaf chlorosis, tip dieback, early leaf abscission, reduced flower bud development and shoot growth. Correction is sometimes possible by addition of lime to raise the pH provided it can be worked into the soil. Soil sampling and addition of lime if pH is low is recommended prior to orchard planting.

Iron (Fe)

Iron deficiency, commonly termed lime-induced chlorosis is not widespread in Ontario orchards. Occasionally, one or two trees in an orchard may exhibit iron-deficiency symptoms. Often these trees are located near the site of previous lime or building plaster storage, etc., where the soil pH is abnormally high.

Iron deficiency causes interveinal chlorosis of new leaves. As the condition becomes more severe, the whole leaf becomes pale yellow. Quite often only one side or one branch of the tree is affected.

Iron chelates* have made correction of iron deficiency relatively easy. These materials can be applied safely as foliar sprays at the rate of 0.25 kg/Fe/ha (5 L/ha of 5% product).

Zinc (Zn)

Zinc deficiency has been identified in some apple orchards in eastern Ontario. The symptoms of this deficiency are short internodes, small narrow leaves, interveinal chlorosis with shoot and branch dieback. In advanced stages, small, narrow terminal leaves are arranged in whorls or "rosettes", giving rise to the typical "rosette" and "little leaf" descriptions for zinc deficiency. Except in severe cases, only a few shoots on an otherwise normal tree will show symptoms. Leaf Zn levels below 15 ppm indicate a deficiency.

Zinc sulphate supplying 3.6 kg zinc/1000 L as a dormant spray in early spring is effective.

Dilute sprays in June of zinc sulfate or chelate* containing 0.35 kg Zn/ha (1 kg 36% ZnSO₄ or 5 L 6.5% * Zn chelate) are effective in correcting zinc deficiency on fruit trees.

** Use chelates recommended for foliar sprays*

**WARNING: DO NOT
CONCENTRATE NUTRIENT
SPRAYS.**

TABLE 9. LIME REQUIREMENTS TO CORRECT SOIL ACIDITY BASED ON SOIL pH AND SOIL BUFFER pH.

Buffer pH	Target soil pH = 6.5 Lime if soil pH below 6.1	Target soil pH = 6.0 Lime if soil pH below 5.6	Target soil pH = 5.5 Lime if soil pH below 5.1
Ground limestone required – t/ha (Based on an Agricultural Index of 75)			
Use dolomitic limestone for orchards and vineyards.			
7.0	2	1	1
6.9	2	1	1
6.8	2	1	1
6.7	2	2	1
6.6	3	2	1
6.5	3	2	1
6.4	4	3	2
6.3	5	3	2
6.2	6	4	2
6.1	7	5	2
6.0	9	6	3
5.9	10	7	4
5.8	12	8	4
5.7	13	9	5
5.6	15	11	6
5.5	17	12	8
5.4	19	14	9
5.3	20	15	10
5.2	20	17	11
5.1	20	19	13
5.0	20	20	15
4.9	20	20	16
4.8	20	20	18
4.7	20	20	20
4.6	20	20	20

Organic Amendments

Many types of organic amendments including manures, hay and straw can be successfully used in orchards or vineyards. The main reason for using these materials is for their organic matter content. Soil organic matter plays an important role in maintaining good soil structure, aeration and water penetration. Organic matter broken down by cultivation should be replaced by the addition of organic amendments. In vigorous sod orchards, the use of organic amendments is not usually necessary. Manure also contains nutrients and fertilizer rate should be reduced when it is applied. (Table 10, page 59).

The disadvantage of adding manure to orchards is that the nitrogen is released over a prolonged period of time. The slow release means that the perennial crops continue to be supplied with nitrogen during the year which can result in poor fruit color, excessive terminal growth and delayed hardening of the woody tissue making the plants more susceptible to winter injury. Manure, if applied, should be used in late fall or early spring at moderate rates.

Manure contains considerable amounts of nitrogen and potassium, and smaller amounts of phosphorus. It is extremely variable in nutrient and dry matter content. One factor contributing to this variability is the source of manure. Poultry manure is higher in nitrogen than other sources and must be used with caution. No more than 7 t/ha of poultry manure should be applied per year. This would be approximately equivalent in nutrient value to 20 cubic metres of liquid poultry manure, 40 tonnes of cattle manure or 100 cubic metres of liquid cattle manure. Hog manure is slightly higher in nitrogen than cattle manure. No more than 35 tonnes of solid hog manure or 65 cubic metres of liquid hog manure should be applied per hectare.

Straw or spoiled hay are other excellent sources of organic matter. As manure becomes more difficult to obtain and more costly, straw or hay will be more widely used in orchards. Seven tonnes of straw or hay per hectare will supply approximately the same amount of dry matter as 22 t of manure/ha.

The nutrient content of these materials varies. Legume hay contains approximately three times as much nitrogen as non-legume hay or straw. If non-legume hay or straw is used, apply 28 kgN/ha at the time of application to facilitate breakdown and avoid nitrogen starvation.

One of the best ways of supplying organic matter to orchards or vineyards is to grow it in the orchard or vineyard. Cul-

tivation should be stopped by July 1 in orchards and by August 1 in vineyards, and a cover crop such as Italian ryegrass seeded at the rate of 13 to 17 kg/ha. Use soil tests to determine optimum fertilizer rates or fertilize with 10-20-20 at 100 kg/ha before seeding to promote growth and organic matter production.

If permanent grass is desired, tall fescue or creeping red fescue makes excellent sods and also offers some suppression of nematodes. To aid germination, they should be seeded as shallow as possible at the rate of 20 to 22 kg/ha. The soil needs to be well prepared and fertilized according to soil test results or with 10-20-20 at 100 kg/ha before seeding. Sod mixtures containing grasses and legumes can also be used, but inclusion of legumes results in some loss of control of nitrogen levels.

Recommendations in Establishing a New Orchard

Before setting a new orchard, soil tests should be made to determine the fertilizer and lime requirements of the proposed site. Preplanting applications should be worked into the soil as deeply as possible before the trees are set. Manure or other sources of organic matter should be applied the year of planting if the soil has been depleted. Unless the soil is particularly nitrogen-deficient, no nitrogen fertilizer should be applied in the planting year. On coarse-textured, infertile soils, the use of a starter solution at planting time may give the trees a needed boost.

High nitrogen levels can result in excessive top growth and incomplete tree hardening. The practice of putting manure around newly planted trees is not recommended. If manure is used, it should be applied broadcast and worked into the soil before planting. The use of green-manure crops to check late-season growth is strongly recommended in new plantings.

It is extremely important to start trees in a weed-free area and keep it clean in the early part of each growing season. Trees that are stunted early in their life may never overcome this setback. A 2 m herbicide strip should be adequate. Irrigation may be required if it is dry after planting. Even in mature orchards, grass under the spread of the tree branches should be controlled by use of a herbicide or by a mulch. The mulch offers added benefits of higher soil temperatures in winter and lower soil temperatures in summer. It also conserves soil moisture and slowly adds essential nutrients as it decomposes. Extra care in mouse control is necessary with mulch.

TABLE 10. REDUCTIONS IN FERTILIZER APPLICATION WHERE MANURE IS APPLIED

Class of Livestock	F. & W.**	Nitrogen (kg/ha)		Phosphate P ₂ O ₅ (kg/ha)	Potash K ₂ O (kg/ha)
		Spr.**	Spr.C**		
Liquid Manure at 10 cubic metres/hectare (One cubic metre = 220 imp. gal; one cubic metre/ha = 90 gal/ac)					
Cattle, Mixed Livestock	5	10	12	4	16
Swine	8	15	19	7	14
Poultry	23	46	58	22	26
Solid manure at 10 tonnes/hectare (66 bu. or 2.40 cubic metres of solid manure = 1 metric tonne approximately. Ten t/ha = 4.5 ton/ac.)					
Cattle, Mixed Livestock	12	24	30	10	44
Swine	15	30	38	20	26
Poultry	70	140	175	75	96

**F. & W. denotes fall and winter applied manure; Spr. denotes spring applied and not covered immediately, including surface application after seeding; Spr.C. denotes spring applied manure injected or otherwise covered within one day of application.

Apples

Pruning programs should be considered in deciding nitrogen rates for apples. If pruning is to be severe, nitrogen rates can be cut back or eliminated for a year. On the other hand, light pruning may require higher nitrogen rates to maintain tree vigor and production. Excessive N should be avoided. It can lead to poor quality fruit, fire blight and winter injury.

Trees on dwarfing rootstocks generally require more nitrogen per hectare (not per tree) than trees on more vigorous stocks. However, care must be taken with dwarfing rootstocks to avoid too large a crop load and loss of vigor. In fertilizing closely planted trees on dwarfing stocks the percentage of the area is a better guide to fertilizer requirements than tree age. No more than 150 kg N should be applied per hectare. (Balance nitrogen application with sufficient potassium.) To assess factors that affect fertilizer requirements, leaf analysis offers the best guide.

Tender Fruits

Most peach, tart cherry and plum orchards are grown with cultivation although they can be successfully grown in sod. Weed growth in June can be left to provide an alternate host for plant bug, thus possibly reducing plant bug damage to fruit. Seed a cover crop by July 1 of Italian ryegrass (13-17 kg/ha). Use soil tests or apply 10 kg/ha N, 20 kg/ha P_2O_5 and K_2O before seeding. Pears and sweet cherries are more frequently grown in sod. Fertilizer requirements, particularly nitrogen requirements, will depend on type of soil management as previously outlined.

Peach canker is more serious when nitrogen levels are excessive. Nitrogen rates must be kept moderate in peach orchards for this reason alone. Winter injury is more serious if too much nitrogen is supplied especially with insufficient potassium fertilizer. Cultivation should be stopped early (by early July) in peach orchards to avoid late nitrogen release and more serious winter injury and canker problems.

Fire blight is aggravated by excessive rates of nitrogen in Bartlett pear orchards. However, nitrogen levels should be at a sufficiently high level to produce fruit of adequate size. Balancing nitrogen with adequate potassium may help avoid fire blight.

Grapes

The main limitation of most soils for grapes in the Niagara Peninsula is their fine texture and poor drainage. Most clay loam soils used for grapes need organic matter. Every practical means of increasing the organic-matter level by

the use of manure, cover crops, etc., should be followed. Cattle manure is much preferred to lower rates of poultry or hog manure because large amounts of organic matter can be supplied in this way without the risks of excessive nitrogen.

Cover crops such as rye grass should be sown about August 1. Earlier seeding can reduce yields of grapes by increased competition for moisture and nutrients. Apply 10 kg/ha N, 20 kg/ha P_2O_5 and K_2O before seeding.

In some vineyards, while the soils themselves contain large amounts of potassium, not enough is released to the vines. The addition of potash fertilizer is desirable in most vineyards. Applying potash once every second year is more effective than annual application of smaller amounts under these soil conditions. For specific recommendations see nitrogen and potassium sections, pages 54 and 55. Annual application of fertilizer should be made under sandy loam conditions. Magnesium deficiency is a more likely problem on the sandy loam soils. Foliar application of magnesium is the most effective method of correcting magnesium deficiency of grapes (See page 56.) Petiole analysis is the best method of determining these nutrient needs.

Variety plays an important role in potassium requirements of grapes. Varieties such as Veeport, Delaware, Foch, De Chaunac and Dutchess require a higher potassium level than Concord or Niagara.

Small Fruits

Small fruit crops are shallow-rooted and, therefore, require soils well supplied with organic matter and high in fertility. Preparation of the soil before planting is particularly important. For strawberries, heavy manuring (45 t/ha) a year in advance of planting is suggested along with a well-fertilized, weed-smothering, green-manure crop.

If strawberries are to be interplanted between young trees, care must be taken not to stimulate the trees late in the season by late cultivation or too high a rate of nitrogen fertilizer. Long term tree performance should not be sacrificed for the short term inter crop.

When large amounts of straw are worked into the soils when the strawberry planting is to be discarded, extra nitrogen (approx. 60 kgN/ha) should be applied to ensure that the decomposing straw does not cause nitrogen deficiency in the trees.

Soil testing provides a good guide to phosphorus and potassium requirements of small fruits.

Handy Metric Conversion Factor

Litres per hectare $\times 0.4 =$ litres per acre

Kilograms per hectare $\times 0.4 =$ kilograms per acre

TABLE 11. PHOSPHORUS AND POTASSIUM REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH BUSH BLUEBERRIES, STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES, CURRANTS, GOOSEBERRIES AND NURSERY STOCK.

Phosphorus				Potassium		
Soil test (ppm P)	Rating	Phosphate Required kg P ₂ O ₅ /ha		Soil Test (ppm K)	Rating	Potash Required kg K ₂ O/ha
		New Plantings	Established Plantings			
0-3	Low	140	100	11-15	Low	130
4-5		130	90	16-30		120
6-7		120	80	31-45		110
8-9		110	70	46-60		100
10-12		100	70	61-80		90
13-15	Medium	90	60	81-100	Medium	80
16-20		70	50	101-120		70
21-25		60	40	121-150		60
26-30		50	30	151-180		40
31-40		40	20			0
Above 40	High	0	0	Above 180	High	0

High Bush Blueberries

Successful growing of blueberries requires an acid soil with a pH level of 4.3 to 5.0 being optimum for plant growth. Sulfur and/or peat moss should be applied before planting to achieve this pH range.

The amount of fruiting wood is the best guide in determining the amount of nitrogen to apply. There should be enough strong, unbranched shoots each year to replace old canes that are removed by pruning. At pH above 5, use (NH₄)₂SO₄ i.e. ammonium sulfate, to increase the acidity. If pH is below 5 use urea. Do not use the nitrate form of nitrogen on blueberries. Rates of N to be applied based on age of the plants are shown in Table 12.

A soil test is the most satisfactory method for predicting phosphate and potash requirements. Table 13 shows the amount of phosphorus and potassium to apply at various soil test levels.

If soil test information is not available apply rates of phosphate and potash recommended for low to medium soil tests in April (Table 12).

Magnesium deficiency is common with blueberry. Soil application of 19 kg/ha Mg (200 kg (MgSO₄/ha) i.e. magnesium sulfate, is effective in controlling this deficiency.

Iron deficiency can be corrected by proper control of soil pH and by application of iron chelate to the foliage and/or soil.

TABLE 12. NITROGEN REQUIREMENT OF HIGH BUSH BLUEBERRIES

Plant Age	April 1-15 In A Mixed Fertilizer gN/plant	May 15 as urea or (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ gN/plant	July 1 as urea or (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ gN/plant
newly set	0	6	6
1 year	3	6	6
2 year	6	6-12	6-12
3 year	9	6-12	6-12
4 year	12	12-18	6-12
5 year	15	12-18	6-12
6 years or older	18	12-18	6-12

WEED CONTROL

Detailed recommendations for the control of weeds in fruit crops are included in Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Publication 75, 1988 *Guide to Weed Control*. For information on chemicals, cultural weed control practices, safety precautions, and calibration and care of weed sprayers refer to Publication 75.

Many horticulture crops can be damaged by certain commonly used herbicides. Sprayers that have been used for hormone-type (2,4-D type) chemicals SHOULD NOT BE USED for applying insecticides or fungicides on horticulture crops.

It is difficult to control quack grass, bindweed, horsetail and other perennials in fruit crops, especially strawberries and

raspberries, which occupy the same area for several years. Perennial weeds should be eradicated or brought under control before fruit crops are planted.

In Publication 75, herbicide recommendations for **strawberry** plantings are based on a preventative program. The basis of that program is to plant strawberries in land which is free of perennial weeds and then to use herbicides for annual weed control. These herbicides are selected to avoid injury to the strawberry plants while still providing reasonable control of seedling weeds. The remainder of the herbicide program, especially after the first year, depends upon the use of Devrinol or Sinbar. Use as low a rate of application as necessary and in any case, do not exceed the rate given on the label.

Herbicides are used in **established orchards** to suppress weeds and grass around the fruit trees and thereby reduce the danger of mouse and vole injury to the tree trunks during periods of snow cover. Herbicides can be applied to an area approximately 0.5 m in radius around the base of each tree. Depending upon the equipment used and the spacing of the trees, it may be more suitable to treat a 1 to 1.5 m wide strip under the trees. On rolling or hilly land where soil erosion could be significant do not treat too wide a strip. While the bark on the trunks of older trees may be somewhat resistant to the effect of herbicides, avoid excessive herbicide contact on the trunks and on any root suckers.

In **vineyards**, herbicides are applied in a strip under the vines. Herbicide applications may be made in both spring and fall but be careful not to exceed the recommended rates for any one year.

When applying herbicides use only enough pressure (approximately 200 kPa) to get uniform distribution of the herbicide. Higher pressures produce smaller droplets which are more subject to drifting and could cause injury to leaves and young vegetative shoots of the fruit crop. All herbicide rates given in Pub. 75 refer to the area of soil actually treated with the chemical. Read the instructions thoroughly and do your mathematical calculations and measurements carefully.

The weed control program on soil that will be used for other crops in the near future may require the substitution of other herbicides which do not leave long lasting residues in the soil. Plan at least 2 years ahead.

THINNING OF TREE FRUITS

Apples

Thinning of apples is often required to improve fruit size and to control the alternate bearing habit of some cultivars. Thinning needs must be based on grower experience, taking into account the cultivars involved, the amount of bloom, bee activity, weather conditions during pollination, and previous thinning history of the orchard.

Factors Influencing Response to Thinning Agents

1. Cultivar Sensitivity
 - (a) Easy-to-thin cultivars include Red Delicious, Idared, and Spy.
 - (b) Hard-to-thin cultivars include Lodi, Duchess, Golden Delicious, Early McIntosh and Wealthy.
2. Certain weather conditions may increase thinning response by permitting greater absorption of chemicals.
 - (a) Prolonged period of high humidity prior to spraying.
 - (b) Slow drying conditions following treatment.
 - (c) Frost or near-freezing temperatures before or shortly after treatment.
 - (d) A prolonged period of dry weather before treatment.
3. Pollination and Bee Activity

These are tied in closely with weather conditions. Pollinating conditions and bee population may render trees either more or less difficult to thin.
4. Tree Age and Vigor
 - (a) Young trees are more easily thinned than mature trees.
 - (b) Low-vigor mature trees are easily overthinned.
 - (c) Trees bearing a heavy crop one year and having good bloom the following year may be more easily thinned; the heavier the bloom, the easier to thin.

5. Pruning

- (a) Poorly-pruned dense trees may be thinned more easily than well-pruned open trees.
- (b) Low, partially-shaded branches of well-pruned trees may be thinned more easily than upper branches.

6. Daminozide (Alar)

The year following an application of daminozide for controlling fruit drop, there may be excessive fruit set and clustering. Chemical thinners applied at the recommended rates are effective in reducing this problem.

Chemicals available for thinning include naphthaleneacetamide (NAD), naphthaleneacetic acid (NAA) and carbaryl (Sevin).

NAD (naphthaleneacetamide) such as AMIDTHIN: This is a relatively safe material applied at petal fall at concentrations of 50 to 100 ppm depending upon cultivar and growing conditions. It may be concentrated but should be applied during petal fall in at least 1100 to 2200 litres of water per hectare.

NAA (naphthaleneacetic acid) such as NIAGARA-STIK, STAFast, FRUITONE-N, BARTLETT-STIK: This can be a most effective thinning agent but the amount applied, concentration, cultivars, timing and weather conditions are all important factors affecting the response. NAA must be applied as a dilute spray (See page 13, Table A), usually 7 to 10 days after petal fall.

NAA can reduce fruit size without removing any fruit, if not applied at the proper time.

"Days after petal fall" does not always provide a sufficiently accurate index for timing fruit-thinning sprays. Sensitivity to NAA depends on fruit development which, in turn, depends on environmental conditions. Average fruit diameter reflects these yearly variations in growing conditions. The following fruit sizes resulted in improved thinning of three apple cultivars in Eastern Ontario.

Cultivar	Diameter at NAA-sensitive Stage
McIntosh	8.0 - 9.5 mm
Red Delicious	6.5 - 8.0 mm
Spy	10.0 - 11.0

During a cool spring, fruits may require 12 to 13 days after petal fall to reach the NAA-sensitive stage, whereas during a warm spring, this stage may be reached within six days.

Sampling Method

A total of 50 to 60 fruits of each cultivar should provide a good estimate of fruit development in a reasonably uniform orchard block. Select the **two** largest developing fruits from each of 25 to 30 randomly selected clusters, measure the greatest width of each and determine the sample average. Vernier calipers or fruit-sizing rings provide a simple means for taking measurements rapidly and accurately.

Carbaryl can be applied over a wider time interval following petal fall than either of the above materials. Maximum response is obtained when carbaryl is applied at the most sensitive size outlined above; however, some thinning usually results from later applications up to four weeks after full bloom.

Treatments applied after the most sensitive time do not

reduce fruit size. Carbaryl is used at rates of 0.5 to 4 kg active material per hectare, depending upon cultivar and tree size. It can be applied as concentrate spray although higher volumes of water (e.g. 1100-2200 L/ha) are more satisfactory.

Carbaryl plus NAA has been used on hard-to-thin cultivars such as Early McIntosh and Wealthy with considerable success. In general, a constant rate of carbaryl (0.5 kg active ingredient per 1000 litres of water) should be used with varying amounts (3 to 15 ppm) of NAA.

Suggested Rates for Chemical Thinning of Apples

The rates below are suggested guidelines only. There is no substitute for personal experience. It is very important that yearly records be kept on weather conditions, rates, etc., and above all, that some trees be left unsprayed to help assess the thinning response. Use only **one** of the suggested chemical treatments. For example, with Wealthy, apply NAD or NAA or carbaryl or the combination. Do not apply all chemicals.

Cultivar	NAD ¹ ppm	NAA ¹ ppm	Carbaryl ¹ kg/1000 L	Combination
Lodi, Melba, Quinte, Transparent	50-75	—	0.5-1	—
Early McIntosh, Golden Delicious, Wealthy	75-100	10-20	0.5-1	0.5 kg carbaryl + 3 to 15 ppm NAA in 1000 L
Cortland, McIntosh, Paulared, R.I. Greening, Snow, Spartan	—	10-20	0.5-1	0.5 kg carbaryl + 3 to 7.5 ppm NAA in 1000 L
Idared, Red Delicious	—	2-8	0.25-0.5	—
Empire, Spy	—	5-10	0.25-0.5	—

¹Active ingredient, dilute-spray basis

Calculating Parts per Million (ppm)
1 ppm = 1 g active ingredient per 1000 L water.

Defruiting immature apple trees to encourage proper development is highly desirable. Experimentation to date indicates NAA 15 ppm plus Sevin 1 kg (active) per hectare five days after petal fall as giving best results and NAA 35 ppm plus oil (10 L) as next best on non oil sensitive cultivars.

Peaches

Hand Thinning

Workers using a child's plastic bat or a rubber-hose thinning aid remove much of the excess fruit prior to a follow up hand thinning. Ideally, early cultivars are thinned 15 to 20 cm apart (two to three fruits per shoot). There is little likelihood of overthinning early cultivars when the set is heavy.

Late-maturing cultivars are thinned according to their individual requirements. Heavy-setting, hard-to-size cultivars such as Redhaven require heavier thinning than the easier-to-size types like Golden Jubilee and Loring. As a rule of thumb, however, late maturing cultivars with a good, uniform set are usually thinned 10 to 13 cm apart. Distance between fruits is not too critical as long as clusters are broken up and fruits separated. If the set is spotty on the tree, more fruits may be left on heavy-set branches.

Chemical

There is no truly satisfactory chemical available. Dinitro materials such as Elgetol applied during full bloom may

Bee Warning

When Sevin is used in fruit thinning, extensive bee kills can occur if the orchard cover carries a heavy bloom of dandelions or other weed blooms. To avoid such toxicity, keep the dandelions mowed and remove bees from the orchard prior to treatment. Do not spray when the wind will carry Sevin to adjacent weed areas. Advise local beekeepers of your spraying activity. Your local Agricultural Representative has a list of beekeepers in your area.

provide satisfactory results in the Niagara Peninsula. Dinitros should not be used in areas and seasons where the risk of late spring frost is high. Dinitro should be applied when 90 to 95% of the blossoms are open. It is preferable to spray a little early rather than after blossoms have been open for some time. Elgetol, for example, may be used at 1.25 to 3.75 L per 1000 L of water, depending on cultivar. Trees under five years of age should not be chemically thinned.

Mechanical

The trunk-shaker method supplemented by hand thinning is now being employed by several growers. The major drawback of this method is that stiff branches are easily overthinned, while willowy or hanging branches are generally underthinned.

It is strongly recommended that an observer accompany the machine operator to help him avoid overthinning. Little is known about short- or long-term damage (if any) caused to feeder roots by mechanical shakers.

Particular care must be exercised in follow-up hand thinning. It may well be necessary to leave more fruit than normal on some of the underthinned branches to compensate for excessive thinning on others.

Plums

The dinitros will thin plums more easily than peaches. Where biennial bearing is occurring, or where size is difficult to attain, bloom-thinning can be helpful. Elgetol at 1.25 L per 1000 L of water is a suggested strength to try.

Pears

Response of pears to chemical agents tends to be inconsistent from year to year. With Bartlett and Anjou, try NAA three to six days after petal fall at 10 to 15 ppm, or NAD at 10 ppm two to three days after full bloom, followed by NAA at 10 ppm three to six days later. For Keiffer and Winter Nelis, NAD at 15 to 20 ppm two to three days after full bloom, followed by NAA at 10 ppm three to six days later, is suggested.

PROMALIN TO IMPROVE FRUIT SHAPE OF DELICIOUS

Promalin (Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Ill.) has recently been registered for use on Delicious strains in Ontario to improve the appearance of the fruit (elongation and more prominent calyx lobes). Careful timing of the application, close adherence to recommended rates, and complete coverage are essential to satisfactory results.

Application of higher rates or volumes per hectare than those recommended on the label may result in undesirable fruit thinning. Concentrate applications are not recommended at this time. For optimum results the application should be made between the king bloom balloon stage and full bloom. Applications around the king-bloom balloon stage usually produce a greater response. Applications earlier or later than this recommended interval are likely to produce an unsatisfactory response.

Strains of Delicious seem to respond equally to Promalin application. The response will appear to be better on the naturally more-typey strains. Postbloom weather has a strong influence on the development of typiness and will affect the response to Promalin as well. Growers interested in using Promalin should familiarize themselves with the material through carefully applied trial applications to small blocks, leaving some trees untreated for comparison.

PROMOTION OF FLOWERING AND FRUIT SET IN APPLES

The following information is suggested for trial use under the grower's specific conditions.

Non-bearing Apple Trees

Once the tree has developed the desired framework flower and fruit production can be initiated by applying growth regulators. The most satisfactory is Alar which promotes both flower bud formation and increases fruit set the subsequent year. The application made two-three weeks after normal petal fall is most effective. The rate to be applied depends upon cultivar, tree vigor, rootstock and tree density. A rate of 0.5 to 1 kg of Alar per 500 L applied as a dilute spray is suggested.

A combination of 450 g Alar + 330 ml Ethrel tank mixed in 450 litres of water is also effective on most cultivars when applied at 600 L per hectare. Northern Spy or seedling rootstocks should receive double the Alar rate.

Bearing Apple Trees

In order to control vegetative growth, Alar must be applied 2-3 weeks after petal fall. At this time Alar has the maximum effect on reducing fruit size which limits the usefulness of Alar during this part of the season. With a heavy crop Alar alone will not promote return bloom.

Ethrel applied 2-3 weeks after petal fall causes excessive fruit thinning. The maximum thinning with Ethrel occurs during the first four weeks after full bloom.

AS A TRIAL on cultivars such as McIntosh and Northern Spy the application of Alar and Ethrel applied the last week in June (4-5 weeks after petal fall) has been effective in promoting flowering and fruiting of both varieties. The treatment has improved the colour of McIntosh. This treatment is not suggested for any other time of the year because of the side effects. For McIntosh mix 1.5 kg Alar with 500 mL Ethrel in 800 L of water per hectare. On Northern Spy increase the Alar rate to 2.5 kg.

CHEMICAL CONTROL OF PREHARVEST DROP OF APPLES

Cultivars differ in their tendency toward preharvest drop. In this respect, McIntosh gives the greatest concern in Ontario.

Fruit drop tends to be greater with trees in which the nitrogen content is high during the late summer and with trees carrying a heavy crop. Hot days and warm nights just before and during harvest tend to increase the amount of preharvest drop.

Several synthetic hormone substances have been used to control preharvest drop. The best known of these are NAA and daminozide.

1. Daminozide (Alar 85)

Alar has to be applied much earlier in the growing season than the other stop-drop materials. Alar is a growth regulator and can delay fruit maturity. Thorough leaf coverage during spray application is important for satisfactory response by the tree.

With McIntosh, Alar should be applied 60 to 70 days prior to the normal harvest date. Early varieties, such as Melba, can be sprayed closer to harvest (45 days). Rates of application depend upon tree vigor, cultivar and crop load, and should vary from 2.20-3.25 kg/ha. High rates on low vigor trees can reduce fruit size.

General Precautions

- Alar delays maturity. For this reason, spray only a portion of the planting in order to schedule the harvest sequence. Harvest of Alar-treated fruit should be delayed 7 to 10 days until the fruit reaches acceptable maturity. If the harvest is delayed excessively, do not place the fruit in controlled atmosphere storage or in extended cold storage.
- If high rates of Alar are applied, if trees of low vigor are sprayed, or if Alar application is delayed, a significant increase in fruit set can occur the following season. Growers should be aware of the possibility and be prepared to apply chemical thinners at the normal rate and proper time in order to break up the clusters.
- Alar should not be applied to the same trees more than one time during the season. It is essential that Alar be used as part of a well-designed orchard management program in which the trees are maintained in a satisfactory state of vigor to prevent adverse effects on fruit size and cropping.

2. NAA (naphthaleneacetic acid) such as Niagara-Stik, Bartlett-Stik, and Fruitone-N.

This is the same material that is used earlier in the season for thinning the crop. The concentrations differ for the two purposes.

NAA is effective for 7 to 12 days after spraying. Longer

holding can be obtained by repeated application (of single strength) every 7 days.

Apply NAA before the drop of normal, sound fruit commences, at the rate of 10 ppm. One application of single strength has little effect on direct ripening of the fruit. However, the higher the concentration of NAA used and the greater the number of applications, the greater will be the ripening effect.

ETHEPHON TO PROMOTE FRUIT COLOURING AND ADVANCING APPLE MATURITY

Ethephon (Ethrel) has the following effects on trees and fruit, depending upon the time and rate of applications:

1. Ethrel stimulates ripening, colour development and fruit drop. The fruit may all be on the ground one week after spraying unless a suitable stop-drop is used. Alar applied at the normal rate in mid-season is not an effective stop-drop to be used with Ethrel. Two applications of naphthaleneacetic acid (NAA) (e.g. Bartlett-Stik or Niagara-Stik) are required: one as a tank mix at the time Ethrel is applied and the second five days later. Apply the stop-drop at the normal rate recommended on the label.
2. **Spray just the number of trees that can be harvested over a two or three day period.** Following the spray application the fruit will have to be harvested within five to ten days. After spraying, check the maturity of the apples on a daily basis (e.g. pressure, starch, flavour, colour). A few trees sprayed at three to four day intervals would be easier to manage than a large number sprayed at one time. **A market should be available for the treated apples before they are sprayed especially with early cultivars.**
3. Rates of application depend upon the cultivar, date of application, tree vigor, temperature, weather conditions and degree of response required. The response to Ethrel is a chemical reaction and as such is dependent upon temperature. For this reason early cultivars such as Red Melba and Early McIntosh require less material than later cultivars. Lower rates do not give as rapid a response but allow picking over a longer time interval due to a slower ripening. Longer storage life may be possible with lower rates.
On early cultivars such as Red Melba and Early McIntosh, use 0.75 to 1.5 L of Ethrel per hectare applied with sufficient water to wet the trees thoroughly.
McIntosh requires 1.5 to 4.25 L/ha. The higher rate is used early in the season, on trees that are high in nitrogen, or on trees that are poorly pruned. Lower rates may be advantageous nearer the normal harvest, on young, well-pruned trees, or on trees that are low in nitrogen.
4. Experience has shown that a low rate of Ethrel plus NAA applied 5-10 days before harvest as a tank mix following Alar applied as a stop-drop in late July (70 days before harvest) is more satisfactory than Ethrel plus NAA applied alone. Better colour will be developed and the fruit will not mature as rapidly.

MOUSE AND VOLE CONTROL IN ORCHARDS

Mice in orchards are most effectively controlled by a season long mouse management approach. They are in the orchard because they can readily obtain the three basics for their survival — food, shelter and minimum predator exposure. By denying mice these three basics, season-long populations will not flourish.

A wide herbicide strip in the tree row or under individual trees coupled with regular close mowing of orchard cover helps to discourage mice. The abundance of nesting material and places to hide offered by brush and trash should be avoided. Remove straw, trash, sod, etc. from around the base of the tree for at least 60 cm from the trunk. Predation by the domestic cat, foxes and birds of prey all contribute to a low mouse population.

At harvest time check for signs of mice in the orchard — fresh grass clippings in runways, tunnels, droppings and chewed apples. Baits are most effective if dropped apples are picked up and removed from the orchard. Before the grass falls over and the ground is covered with snow, broadcast a bait over the floor of the orchard. Baits are best applied on bright days with no rain expected for several days.

Baits available:

1. Waxed-Zinc-Phosphide-treated baits: 5.5 to 11 kg/hectare, depending on the severity of infestation. If further mouse activity is detected, repeat the treatment when rain is not expected.
2. Diphacinone (Ramik Brown) — 22 kg/hectare in two applications of 11 kg each. Applications can be made 20 to 40 days apart.
3. Chlorophacinone (Rozol, K_5C') — 11 kg/hectare. Repeat in 20 to 60 days where infestation is high.

Bait Stations

The use of bait stations provides a means of achieving a longer period of control of voles than broadcast treatment. Various materials such as slab wood, pieces of board, or tin cans with one end removed can be used for bait stations. The bait is placed under the board, or in the can, with the can lying on its side. The "inverted T" bait station made of 1-1/2 inch ABS pipe is perhaps the most effective type of bait station available. In this station several tablespoons of bait are placed in the neck which is capped, thus, protecting the bait from the elements. Bait stations should be used at a rate of approximately 25 per hectare (10 per acre).

CAUTIONS IN HANDLING POISON BAITS These baits are poisonous to human beings, domestic animals and wildlife.

Store the bait in a shed away from children, irresponsible persons and animals. Wear rubber or neoprene gloves for hazardous compounds and wash after handling poison baits. Avoid inhalation of dust or fumes. Destroy empty containers by burning or by burying in non-cropland away from water. Keep children, pets, and domestic animals away from treated areas. Where possible remove mouse bodies and bury or dispose of them in the garbage.

Tree Guards for Mice

For maximum tree protection all newly planted trees should have a guard placed around the trunk. The bottom of the guard should be buried in the soil 5 cm deep, or better yet, in a mound of fine crushed stone or sharp cinders. All tree guards should be checked each fall to see that they are mouse tight, free of trash and are not interfering with root development.

A number of commercial tree guards are available. Two of the most common are spiral plastic and galvanized wire mesh. Grower experience has shown that a guard approximately 45 cm high is adequate. If you are making your own guards do not use dark coloured materials or tar paper. These materials can increase the temperature of the bark on sunny days and subsequent lower temperatures can cause

injury to the bark tissue. Heavy aluminum foil or thin metal sheets should be avoided. Unventilated guards of this type have the potential to damage trees by allowing the trunk to heat. Spiral tree guards should be checked and adjusted annually to prevent the guard from interfering with trunk expansion (growth).

RABBIT CONTROL

Rabbit Repellents

Rabbit repellents containing thiram, when properly used, appear to offer reasonable tree protection. There are a number of commercial preparations available some of which mix white latex paint with the thiram. Before using these commercial preparations, or any other materials, consult the label and avoid undue dilution of the product. Be sure to treat the tree as high as rabbits can reach when standing on deep snow. The repellents may be applied with a small knapsack sprayer or painted on with a brush. Most growers apply this paint on small trees by putting a wool sock or car wash mitt over a pesticide safe glove and smearing the paint on the tree. Most commercial preparations will not hurt buds. The white latex paint is a good carrier for thiram and also serves to protect the trees against Southwest Injury (See Page 67).

Shoot the Rabbits

Shooting rabbits is an excellent means of keeping the population down. However, it must be done regularly throughout the year because other rabbits soon move into the orchard area. Shooting alone cannot be depended upon to provide adequate control.

Wrapping Young Trees

Wrap sacking about the top and the trunk above the mouse guard to protect young trees from rabbits. Tie the wrapped tree securely to a strong stake or steel fence post to prevent snow and ice breaking the tree over. Mouse guards generally do not give protection against rabbits when the snow is deep.

Repairing Damage by Mice and Rabbits

Regular inspection should be carried out throughout the winter to see if any injury has occurred. Mice often work just below the surface of the snow or in the litter. If a tree has been wholly or partially girdled, it should be given first aid immediately. Cover the wound with a grafting compound or a wound dressing.

Before the buds swell in the spring, secure enough long scions to bridge the wound. See OMAF Factsheet, Repair Grafting, AGDEX 210/24. Store the scions in damp sand or sawdust in a cool place. If the wound extends for more than one quarter of the circumference of the trunk, bridge graft in the manner described in Factsheet, Repair Grafting. Grafting should be done when the bark slips readily from the wood (about bloom). Repair grafting is not feasible on trees with a diameter less than 10 cm. Small trees should be replaced.

CONTROL OF GROUNDHOGS IN ORCHARDS

Winter is a poor time for control as the woodchuck is hibernating in a sealed-off chamber in its burrow.

1. **Phostoxin** (fumigant) This product is manufactured in tablet form. Rate of application is one tablet per hole. All entrances must be sealed to prevent gas from escaping.

When handling aluminum phosphide, use of cotton gloves is recommended. A full face mask respirator with an acid gas canister should be worn. A second person

with personal protective equipment should be assisting during the fumigation. Always consult the product label.

Phostoxin contains aluminum phosphide. In the presence of moisture, phosphide gas (phosphine) is released, which is claimed to be effective against groundhogs. The distributor of this material, Abell Waco Ltd., requires the user to take instruction on using this product before it can be purchased. (A Factsheet, Aluminum Phosphide for Groundhog Control, is available from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.)

2. **Gas Cartridges** These are cardboard cylinders containing a mixture that burns slowly and asphyxiates the groundhog. The cartridge is placed in the burrow of the groundhog and all entrances must be sealed. Follow manufacturer's instructions on the preparation and use of cartridges.
3. **Trapping** This method can be effective for groundhog control; however, it is time-consuming. No. 2 steel traps (muskrat traps) are most practical. Traps should be checked at least twice a day and should be cleaned after each catch.
4. **Shooting** This method can be an excellent means of keeping groundhogs under control. However, it must be done regularly from spring to fall.

BIRD DAMAGE AND ITS PREVENTION IN ORCHARDS AND VINEYARDS

Every year, birds destroy large quantities of fruit in Ontario. Cherries, grapes and blueberries are crops most subject to attack, but other fruit crops may also be damaged. Losses of 25% for sweet cherry and 10% for grape crops are not uncommon, although the extent of fruit damage varies greatly among varieties, location and seasons. Pecking and puncturing damage is usually greater than actual losses from fruit consumed.

Several bird species are responsible for damage to ripening fruit crops. Among the most destructive are robins, starlings, grackles and orioles. A report published by the Canadian Wildlife Service identified adult robins and grackles as the main culprits damaging early ripening sweet cherries; starlings and, to a less extent, juvenile robins cause most of the damage to later ripening cherries. Grapes are taken mainly by robins, but flocks of starlings do cause periodic damage. Migrating Baltimore orioles reportedly limit their attack mainly to early grapes ripening during late August.

Birds show definite preference among fruit varieties. The Wildlife Service Report implicated fruit color differences as the explanation for this varietal preference. Robins, grackles and starlings commonly select the reddest cherries or darkest grapes available. Early black sweet cherries and grapes are, therefore, particularly susceptible to bird damage. Small-berried, early blue grapes such as Leon Millot and Marechal Foch are often stripped rather than pecked.

Methods of Control

Discussion herein of certain drastic control measures does not imply their universal recommendation. In all cases, local, provincial and federal laws governing killing of birds, or the use of sound-scaring devices, must be followed.

Location The location in which commercial fruit crops are planted can be an important factor in the control of birds. Cherry orchards planted near a wooded area are particularly susceptible to damage as birds find shelter and nesting sites close by. Similarly, small fruit plantings near hedges are particularly vulnerable.

Physical Protection The only completely foolproof method of control is to cover plants with netting thereby physically preventing birds from getting at the fruit. This method may be economically feasible for some grapes and highbush blueberries but would seem impractical for tree fruits.

Shooting Shooting starlings and grackles is still a very practical control method. Normally shooting does not materially reduce the bird population, but serves primarily as a technique to frighten them out of the orchard. Robins and Baltimore orioles are protected by an act of parliament, but special permits may be obtained to kill them when they are shown to be causing damage. Shells are also available with delayed explosions and/or sustained whistles which disorient and frighten the birds.

Automatic Exploders One of the most commonly used bird controls is the automatic exploder. This is an acetylene- or butane-powered cannon set to produce loud gunshot sound at intervals. Robins soon become accustomed to these and are sometimes observed perched fearlessly nearby the devices while they explode. Automatic exploders are particularly effective when used in conjunction with shooting.

Av-Alarm The Av-Alarm is the latest and most effective device available. It sends out an electronic sound which apparently deafens birds temporarily, causing them to move out of an orchard after one or two days of exposure. The Av-Alarm has been widely used in Ontario and has effectively prevented bird damage to sweet and sour cherries, grapes and other fruit crops.

Chemical Controls At the time of writing, THERE ARE NO CHEMICALS REGISTERED FOR USE IN ONTARIO FOR THE CONTROL OF BIRDS IN FRUIT CROPS. It is illegal to use unregistered chemicals on any food crops.

Other Methods Other control methods tried include broadcast distress and alarm calls, aluminum foil hung in trees, model hawks, strips of yellow plastic hung across vineyards, scarecrows with power-driven moving arms, trapping, and various noisemakers. These have met with only limited success.

CONTROL OF SOUTHWEST INJURY ON FRUIT TREES

Southwest injury (winter sunscald) occurs during the winter and is especially severe when cold sunny days are followed by cold clear nights. Injuries are usually confined to the south and southwest sides of the trunks and main scaffold branches. On sunny days these tissues become considerably warmer than the surrounding air and at night they cool rapidly; freezing of the bark may occur. Freezing injury usually affects large portions of the bark tissue which becomes brown and will eventually slough off as healing occurs beneath. In stone fruit orchards, these injuries provide ideal sites for infection by the peach canker or other canker diseases. The combined effect of southwest injury and peach canker greatly reduces the productive life of affected trees.

Southwest injury can be prevented and peach canker reduced by painting the trunk, crotches, and lower parts of main scaffold branches with exterior white latex paint. **OIL-BASED PAINTS SHOULD NOT BE USED.** They contain toxic materials which may injure or kill fruit trees. Latex paints which contain some oil should not be used either. The white paint reflects sunlight and prevents the tissues exposed to direct sunshine from rapid thawing on cold days when air temperatures are below freezing. Rapid thawing in the day and freezing at night are prevented by the paint and thereby reduce freezing injury.

October is the best time to apply the paint. Best results are obtained when trees are painted on days when the temperature is above 10°C and conditions favor rapid drying. The paint may be applied by brush or by spray. On young trees, the whole trunk should be painted; but on older trees only the south and southwest sides of the tree require painting. The whiter the bark after painting, the greater the protection.

On young trees, one to three years old, injury from rodents may be a greater problem than southwest injury. To obtain protection from both problems, thiram (75% white WP) should be incorporated into the paint*. Thiram acts as a taste repellent for rodents and helps to prevent infection by peach canker. Mix 400 g of thiram with 2 litres of water and stir slowly into 4 litres of paint. This mixture may also be used effectively as a wound dressing. On older trees where rodent damage is less of a problem, the thiram can be left out and the diluted paint used by itself. One or two litres of water per 4.5 litres of paint may be necessary if the material is applied by spray, depending on the thickness of the paint and the air pressure available.

Note that the thiram-latex mixture should not be used if a fall bordeaux spray program is planned. The thiram reacts with the bordeaux spray, changing the color of the paint from white to brown, and reducing its effectiveness as a heat reflectant. The bordeaux spray does not affect trees painted with latex only and can be used when thiram is excluded from the mixture. If the thiram-latex mixture is planned as a combined rodent repellent and protectant from southwest injury, then the whole trunk must be painted and good coverage at the soil line is very important to prevent mouse damage.

**A number of commercial pre-mixtures are also available.*

NEMATODES

Root-lesion nematodes can be a major cause of orchard replant failures. They can also cause a decline in vigor of existing peach and cherry orchards. These nematodes kill the fine feeder roots and cause small brown lesions on the white lateral roots. These lesions can merge and discolor the entire root system. Severely affected trees may not have any feeder roots and if the tree is a replant it usually dies. The most striking aboveground indication of nematode damage in an orchard is a general lack of uniformity of trees.

Root-lesion nematode damage on **strawberries** usually consists of a discoloration of the fine feeder roots and tiny, brown, scratch-like lesions on the young adventitious roots. These lesions merge to form large brown areas on the roots. There is also evidence that root-lesion nematodes are involved in the black root-rot complex and that they aggravate verticillium wilt of strawberries.

Root-lesion nematode damage on **raspberries** results in the same scratch-like lesions as described above for strawberries and fruit trees. In addition the canes are thinner than normal and fewer canes are produced per crown; cane height is not usually reduced. Up to 25% of the first year canes may be killed in severe infestations of these nematodes.

Preplant soil fumigation is the most effective method of controlling nematode problems and is practical when planting a new orchard or when replanting an orchard on an old tree site. Custom operators can do either broadcast fumigation or tree-row. Tree-row application (treating a 2.0-2.5 metre strip centered on the row) is more economical. However, broadcast fumigation is necessary if a grower is going to interplant with a crop such as potato or strawberry.

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Areas that harbor potential nematode problems should be treated before planting. For details concerning nematode problems and preplant soil fumigation, consult your Horticultural Crop Advisor. OMAF Factsheets available are: *Root-Lesion Nematode in Ontario Orchards*, Agdex 210/628; *Soil and Root Sampling for Nematode Analysis*, Agdex 628; *Nematode Control Guidelines for the Application of Soil Fumigants*, Agdex 628 and *Soil Fumigants*, Agdex 606.

Nematode and other problems in orchard, and strawberry and raspberry plantings can be controlled with the following chemicals:

TABLE 13. CONTROL OF NEMATODES AND OTHER PROBLEMS IN MINERAL SOIL IN ORCHARDS AND IN STRAWBERRY AND RASPBERRY PLANTINGS

Material	Broadcast (L/ha)	Control
(I) ORCHARDS — Use higher rate for heavier soils		
Telone IIB	200	nematodes
Vapam*	470-900	nematodes, weeds, diseases
Vorlex Plus	55-130	nematodes
Vorlex Plus	225-450	nematodes, weeds, diseases
(II) STRAWBERRY & RASPBERRY —		
For Elite and Foundation Strawberry plant stock use rate for disease control.		
Telone IIB	170	nematodes
Vapam*	470-900	nematodes, weeds, diseases
Vorlex Plus	55-130	nematodes
Vorlex Plus	225-450	nematodes, weeds, diseases

*Vapam is applied by shank injection or in irrigation water ("chemigation").

See below for tree site instructions.

CAUTION — Telone, Vapam and Vorlex are toxic to the applicator. (see reference to Acute and Chronic Toxicity, page 4). Follow instructions regarding proper procedures for handling and application.

Always follow manufacturer's directions carefully concerning dosage and methods of use. Preplant fumigation is most effective when:

1. It is done in the fall when soil temperatures are above 4°C.
2. Trash and old root systems are removed; the soil worked to a depth of 25 to 30 cm and in good seedbed condition with regard to tilth and moisture.
3. The fumigant is injected about 20 cm deep.
4. The soil surface is sealed by packing or watering immediately after injection of the fumigant.
5. The soil is left undisturbed until spring or, in the case of fall planting, at least one week after injection of the fumigant.
6. The soil is worked and aerated for about a week before planting. For fall planting the soil should be aerated at least two weeks after working.
7. Good nursery stock grown preferably in fumigated soil.
8. Italian Rye Grass is used as an annual cover crop in cultivated orchards; Kentucky Tall Fescue or Creeping Red Fescue is used as a permanent sod. These three grasses are poor hosts of the root-lesion nematode.

SINGLE TREE SITES FOR REPLACEMENT TREES

The procedure for preplant fumigation of single tree sites is the same as that described above, except that the fumigant is injected with a hand applicator (Fumigun) on 20 × 20 cm centers over a 2.5 × 2.5 m area. Rates per injection point are: Telone 0.8 mL; Vorlex Plus 0.2-0.5 mL (nematodes); Vorlex Plus 0.8-1.7 mL (nematodes, weeds, diseases). Fumiguns usually can be rented from custom applicators or pesticide dealers.

Vapam, for tree site application, may be mixed with the water and applied as a drench in the fall after the site has been prepared. Construct a circular basin, 2 metres across, on each tree site. Add 0.3 litres Vapam to 90 litres water in a drum or tank, agitate, and apply to each basin. This volume is necessary for adequate penetration in the proposed root zone.

VYDATE L—POST PLANT TREATMENT

CAUTION — Vydate L is toxic to the applicator. (see reference to Acute Toxicity and Blood Testing, page 4). Follow instructions closely regarding proper procedures for handling and application.

Non-Bearing Apples

Postplant treatment of non-bearing apple trees for reduction of root-lesion nematode numbers can be achieved with oxamyl (Vydate L = 240 g active oxamyl/L). Apply a liquid soil drench soon after planting. The liquid soil drench is mixed at 1.25 litres Vydate/1000 L water and applied at 3.5-10 L of solution per tree, in a circle around the base of the tree to cover the root zone. **Do not use if air temperature is below 7°C** as Vydate is less effective at low temperatures. When leaves have expanded, apply a foliar application and repeat in 3-4 weeks. (Do not allow spray to drift on any trees in bloom). The foliar spray mix is 4.1-8.2 litres Vydate/1000 L water applied at not over 9.3 litres Vydate/ha in any one application. Soil sampling for nematodes in early September of the planting year is advisable to check on the need for further treatment.

For established non-bearing apple trees, apply the liquid soil drench early in April when buds are swelling. Apply a foliar spray before tight cluster and after petal fall. **DO NOT APPLY DURING THE PINK OR BLOOM PERIOD AS VYDATE IS HIGHLY TOXIC TO BEES.**

Root absorption of Vydate occurs during periods of rapid root growth (early spring). Foliar absorption occurs best in young, rapidly expanding foliage. See the manufacturer's label for further details, precautions and methods of application.

No soil-borne disease control should be expected with Vydate L. Postplant treatments for nematode control are considered less effective than preplant soil fumigation. Postbloom foliar sprays will interfere with insect predators and are not recommended in orchards on IPM.

RASPBERRIES

For reduction in the number of root-lesion nematodes, Vydate L can be applied as a liquid soil drench over the root zone.

Apply one application of Vydate L in the fall as a soil drench. Vydate is absorbed only by raspberry roots which are actively growing. Late application on dormant plants or when the air temperature is below 7°C may not give satisfactory results.

Apply 9.35 L Vydate per hectare of treated soil area. If you are treating a 1.5 metre wide strip, use 1.4 L of Vydate in 360 L of water on 1000 metres of row.

Do not apply more than once during a 12 month period.

CROP INSURANCE

The Government of Ontario, in co-operation with the Government of Canada, has developed a comprehensive scheme of crop insurance protection. The Canada-Ontario Crop Insurance Program is administered by the Crop Insurance Commission of Ontario. The Government of Canada provides financial assistance to this program by contributing 50% of the total required premium each year. In 1987, the contribution by the Federal Government amounted to \$18.4 million.

The Government of Ontario contributed \$4.2 million for administering the program in 1987. As a result, this valuable protection is available to Ontario growers at less than half the total cost. The premium is also an operating expense for income tax purposes.

Crop insurance offers protections against loss from a broad range of production hazards, including excessive rain, excessive drought, winter damage, frost, hail, wind, certain pests and diseases, etc.

For further information, contact your local Crop Insurance agent or:

The Crop Insurance Commission of Ontario
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food
Legislative Buildings, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1B7
Telephone 416-965-1811

TABLE 14. CROPS FOR WHICH A CROP INSURANCE PLAN IS AVAILABLE IN ONTARIO INCLUDE:

Vegetables	
Asparagus	* Peas (processing only)
* Beans (green and wax, processing only)	Peppers
Beets	Potatoes
Broccoli	Pumpkins
Cabbage	Rutabagas
Carrots	Seed Onions
Cauliflower	Set Onions
Celery	Spanish Onions
Cucumbers	Squash
Lettuce	Sweet corn (fresh)
* Lima beans	* Sweet corn (processing)
(processing only)	Tomatoes
Parsnips	* Tomatoes (processing)
Fruit Crops	
Apples	Plums
Grapes	Sour cherries
Peaches	Strawberries
Pears	Sweet cherries
General Crops	
Canola	Soybeans
Corn (grain and silage)	Sunflowers
Forage (new seeding)	
Hay	White beans
Seed Corn	Colored beans
Spring grain	Winter Wheat
Tobacco	
	Flue-cured
	Burley
	Black

* Insurance contracts are available through processing companies only.

Insurance contracts for all other crops are available from Crop Insurance agents only.

ABBREVIATIONS

ai	= active ingredient	mm	= millimetre
AP	= agricultural powder	cm	= centimetre
DP	= dispersable powder	m	= metre
E	= emulsifiable	km	= kilometre
EC	= emulsifiable concentrate	cm ²	= square centimetre
e.g.	= for example	m ²	= square metre
F	= flowable	ha	= hectare
Gr	= granules, granular	mL	= millilitre
%	= percent (by weight)	L	= litre
SC	= sprayable concentrate	g	= gram
SP	= soluble powder	kg	= kilogram
W	= wettable (powder)	t	= tonne
WDG	= water dispersible granular	kPa	= kilopascal
WP	= wettable powder	m/s	= metres per second
		km/h	= kilometres per hour

THE METRIC SYSTEM

Linear Measures (length)

10 millimetres (mm) = 1 centimetre (cm)
 100 centimetres (cm) = 1 metre (m)
 1000 metres = 1 kilometre (km)

Square Measures (area)

100 m × 100 m = 10,000 m² = 1 hectare (ha)
 100 ha = 1 square kilometre (km²)

Cubic Measures (volume)

Dry Measure

1000 cubic millimetres (mm³) = 1 cubic centimetre (cm³)
 1,000,000 cm³ = 1 cubic metre (m³)

Liquid Measure

1000 millilitres (mL) = 1 litre (L)
 100 L = 1 hectolitre (hL)

Weight — Volume Equivalents (for water)

(1.00 kg) 1000 grams = 1 litre (1.00 L)
 (0.50 kg) 500 g = 500 mL (0.50 L)
 (0.10 kg) 100 g = 100 mL (0.10 L)
 (0.01 kg) 10 g = 10 mL (0.01 L)
 (0.001 kg) 1 g = 1 mL (0.001 L)

Weight Measures

1000 milligrams (mg) = 1 gram (g)
 1000 g = 1 kilogram (kg)
 1000 kg = 1 tonne (t)
 1 mg/kg = 1 part per million (ppm)

Dry — Liquid Equivalents

1 cm³ = 1 mL
 1 m³ = 1000 L

APPLICATION RATE CONVERSIONS

(approximate)

Metric to Imperial

litres per hectare × 0.09	= gallons per acre
litres per hectare × 0.36	= quarts per acre
litres per hectare × 0.71	= pints per acre
millilitres per hectare × 0.015	= fluid ounces per acre
grams per hectare × 0.015	= ounces per acre
kilograms per hectare × 0.89	= pounds per acre
tonnes per hectare × 0.45	= tons per acre

Imperial to Metric

gallons per acre × 11.23	= litres per hectare (L/ha)
quarts per acre × 2.8	= litres per hectare (L/ha)
pints per acre × 1.4	= litres per hectare (L/ha)
fluid ounces per acre × 70	= millilitres per hectare (mL/ha)
tons per acre × 2.24	= tonnes per hectare (t/ha)
pounds per acre × 1.12	= kilograms per hectare (kg/ha)
ounces per acre × 70	= grams per hectare (g/ha)

Calculating Parts Per Million (ppm)

1 ppm = 1 g active ingredient per 1000 L water.

Handy Metric Conversion Factor

Litres per hectare × 0.4 = litres per acre
 Kilograms per hectare × 0.4 = kilograms per acre

CONVERSION TABLE – METRIC TO IMPERIAL

Length

1 millimetre (mm)	= 0.04 inch
1 centimetre (cm)	= 0.40 inch
1 metre (m)	= 39.40 inches
1 metre (m)	= 3.28 feet
1 metre (m)	= 1.09 yards
1 kilometre	= 0.62 mile

Volume (liquid)

1 millilitre (mL)	= 0.035 fluid ounce
1 litre (L)	= 1.76 pints
1 litre (L)	= 0.88 quart
1 litre (L)	= 0.22 gallon (Imperial)
1 litre (L)	= 0.26 gallon (U.S.)

Weight

1 gram (g)	= 0.035 ounce
1 kilogram (kg)	= 2.21 pounds
1 tonne (t)	= 1.10 short tons
1 tonne (t)	= 2205 pounds

Pressure

1 kilopascal (kPa)	= 0.15 pounds/square inch
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Area

1 square centimetre (cm ²)	= 0.16 square inch
1 square metre (m ²)	= 10.77 square feet
1 square metre (m ²)	= 1.20 square yards
1 square kilometre (km ²)	= 0.39 square mile
1 hectare (ha)	= 107,636 square feet
1 hectare (ha)	= 2.5 acres

Volume (dry)

1 cubic centimetre (cm ³)	= 0.061 cubic inch
1 cubic metre (m ³)	= 1.31 cubic yards
1 cubic metre (m ³)	= 35.31 cubic feet
1000 cubic metres (m ³)	= 0.81 acre-foot
hectolitre (hL)	= 2.8 bushels

Speed

1 metre per second	= 3.28 feet per second
1 metre per second	= 2.24 miles per hour
1 kilometre per hour	= 0.62 mile per hour

Temperature

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 9/5) + 32$$

CONVERSION TABLES – IMPERIAL TO METRIC (approximate)

Length

inch	= 2.54 cm
foot	= 0.30 m
yard	= 0.91 m
mile	= 1.61 km

Area

square foot	= 0.09 m ²
square yard	= 0.84 m ²
acre	= 0.40 ha

Weight

ounce	= 28.35 g
pound	= 453.6 g
ton	= 0.91 tonne

Volume (dry)

cubic yard	= 0.76 m ³
bushel	= 36.37 L

Volume (liquid)

fluid ounce (Imp.)	= 28.41 mL
pint (Imp.)	= 0.57 L
gallon (Imp.)	= 4.55 L
gallon (U.S.)	= 3.79 L

Pressure

pound per square inch	= 6.90 kPa
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Temperature

$$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 5/9$$

OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE COMMERCIAL FRUIT PRODUCER

The following information, dealing with fruit production in Ontario generally is available at your local Agricultural office:

ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

FACTSHEETS

079	The Behavior of Frost in Ontario	212/634	Black Knot of Plums and Cherries
200/691	Effects of Air Pollution on Agricultural Crops	212/634	Peach Canker
200/842	Facts About the Ontario Food Terminal	213/634	Bacterial Canker of Sweet Cherry
202/65	Storage Incompatibility	212/634	Peach Leaf Curl
202/744	Improving Spray Coverage on Row Crops	212/634	Pest Management Program for Peach Series
210	Winter Injury in Fruit Trees		– Tarnished Plant Bug
210/07	Critical Temperatures for Fruit Blossoms	212/634	Pest Management Program for Peach Series
210/11	Predicting Blossom Time in the Niagara Peninsula	212/634	– Brown Rot
210/24	Repair Grafting	214/11	X-Disease of Peach
210/24	Rules for Pruning Fruit Trees	215/634	Growing Apricots
210/63	Temporary Spring Storage of Young Fruit Trees	231/24	Pear Psylla in Ontario Pear Orchards
210/628	Root-Lesion Nematode in Ontario Orchards	231/624	High-Corden Trellising Systems for Grapes
211/10	Growing Delicious Apples in Ontario	232/24	Grape Berry Moth on the Niagara Peninsula
211/36	Managing Apple Trees on the M. 26 Rootstock	238/10	Growing Strawberries in Solid Beds
211/65	Oxygen Pulldown Time in CA Storage	607	Elderberries
211/75	Frozen Apples	607	Storing Pesticides on the Farm
211/632	Pruning Oversize Spy Apple Trees	607	Pesticide Drift
211/634	Cedar Apple Rust and Quince Rust	607	Pesticide Container Rinsing
211/634	Fireblight of Apple and Pear		Pesticide Contamination of Farm Water
211/634	Pin-Point Scab of Apples	607	Supplies
211/634	Blister Spot of Apples		Protective Clothing When Using Pesticides
211/634	Bitter-Pit Control in Apples	607	Outdoors
211/634	Apple Scab		Guide to Handling & Applying Herbicides to
211/634	Woolly Apple Aphid	616	Protect Water Supply & Reduce Personal
211/634	Codling Moth	616	Exposure
211/634	White Apple Leafhopper	616	Beekeeping – General Information
211/634	Green Apple Aphid	628	Feeding Honeybees
212/600	Pest Management Program in Peaches		Pollination for Fruit and Seed Production
212/623	Scale Insects on Peaches	628	Soil and Root Sampling for Nematode
212/624	Oriental Fruit Moth		Analysis
212/624	Oblique-Banded Leaf Roller	705	Nematode Control – Guidelines for the
212/624	Mite Pests of Peach		Application of Soil Fumigants
212/624	Plum Curculio		Fertilizer in Kilograms and Tonnes
212/624	Peach Tree Borers	75	
212/624	Comstock Mealy Bug on Peach	430	NUMBERED PUBLICATIONS
212/632	Pest Management Program for Grapes		Guide to Weed Control
212/632	Insect Pests of Grape in Ontario	505	Fruit Cultivars – A Guide for Commercial
212/632	Diseases of Grape in Ontario	513	Growers
			Ontario Weeds – For Sale Only, \$5.00
			The Strawberry in Ontario

AGRICULTURE CANADA PUBLICATIONS

Publications available from Information Services,
Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0C7.

1289	Fruit Tree Propagation
1600	Beekeeping in Eastern Canada
1744	Strawberry Cultivars for Eastern Canada

TABLE 15. PHYSICAL COMPATIBILITY OF SPRAY MATERIALS

Where a blank appears on the chart, the materials can be used together.

- — Compatible
 X — Do not use together
 • — Not recommended together in this calendar
 ? — Compatibility unknown
 OP — Organo-phosphorus compound

Do not mix pesticides with Streptomycin, thinning sprays or foliar fertilizers.

The chart applies only to the use of two material spray combinations for deciduous fruit. **When three or more materials are tank-mixed together, further incompatibility may develop.**

Compatibilities of some materials may depend upon solvents and emulsifiers used by the manufacturer. Emulsifiable concentrate formulations are more likely to cause compatibility problems than wettable powders. **If wettable powders are mixed with emulsifiable concentrates, incompatibilities may result.**

Do not allow spray mixtures to sit overnight.

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Do not allow spray mixtures to sit overnight.

1. Should not be used with or within 14 days of oil application.
2. May cause injury on grapes.
3. Residual action reduced.
4. May cause injury under some weather conditions.
5. Consult manufacturer regarding suitable oil for combination to be used on apple. Do not use it later than half-inch green stage (see page 15).
6. Use EC formulations.
7. Use WP formulations.
8. Combination may cause necrotic spotting on Delicious.
9. Apply immediately with agitation.
10. When mixing captan with EC formulations of pyrethroids, add captan first. Apply immediately with constant agitation.
11. Chemically similar materials.

TABLE 16. PESTICIDES USED TO PROTECT FRUIT CROPS

a - acaricide, miticide b - bactericide i - insecticide			f - fungicide n - nematocide h - herbicide r - rodenticide		
Brand or Trade Name	()	Common or Chemical Name	Brand or Trade Name	()	Common or Chemical Name
Agri-Mycin 17	3	b streptomycin sulfate	Kumulus S	6	f sulfur
Ambush, Pounce	3	i permethrin	Lannate	2	i methomyl
APM, Guthion	5	i azinphos-methyl	Malathion	3	i malathion
Basudin, Diazinon	2	i diazinon	Mantox, Manzate D		
Belmark	2	i fenvalerate	Dithane M22	3	f maneb
Benlate	3	f benomyl	Manzate 200		
			Dithane M45	3	f mancozeb
Botran	3	f dichloran	Morestan	3	af chinomethionat
			Omite	3	a propargite
Captan, Orthocide	2	f captan	Orthocide,		
Carzol	5	a formetanate hydrochloride	Captan	2	f captan
			Parathion	5	i parathion
Cygon	2	i dimethoate	Phaltan	3	f folpet
Cymbush 12.5% WP	3	i cypermethrin	Phygon-XL, Dichlone	3	f dichlone
Cymbush 250 EC	2	i cypermethrin	Pirimor	2	i pirimicarb
Cyprex, Equal	3	f dodine	Polyram	3	f metiram
			Pounce, Ambush	3	i permethrin
Decis	2	i deltamethrin	Ramik Brown	6	r diphacinone
Diazinon, Basudin	2	i diazinon	Ridomil 240 EC	2	f metalaxyl
Dichlone, Phygon-XL	3	f dichlone	Ripcord	2	i cypermethrin
Difolatan	2	f captafol	Rotenone	3	i rotenone
Dikar	3	af no common name	Rovral	3	f iprodione
Dithane M-22,			Sevin	3	i carbaryl
Manzate D, Mantox	3	f maneb	Supracide	5	i methidathion
Dithane M-45,			Systox	5	i demeton
Manzate 200	3	f mancozeb	Telone IIB	2	n 1, 3 dichloropropene
Dithane Z78	3	f zineb	Thiodan	2	i endosulfan
Dyrene	3	f anilazine	Vapam	3	bifnh metam sodium
			Vorlex Plus CP	2	bifnh 1,3 dichloropropene + chloropicrin + methyl isothiocyanate
Elgetol	3	f DNOC			
Equal, Cyprex	3	f dodine	Vorlex Plus	2	bifnh 1,3 dichloropropene + methyl isothiocyanate
Ferbam	3	f ferbam			
Funginex	6	f triforine	Vydate	5	in oxamyl
Furadan	5	i carbofuran	Zolone Flo	2	i phosalone
Guthion, APM	5	i azinphos methyl			
Imidan	3	i phosmet			
Karathane	2	af dinocap			
Kelthane	2	a dicofol			

The numbers in this column () identify the Schedules in which the BRAND NAME products listed in this Table are classified under the Pesticides Act.

Explanation of Schedules

Schedule 1 Restricted. Use permit only.

Schedule 2 Restricted to agriculturalists, licensed exterminators and registered custom sprayers.

Schedule 3 May be available for "Domestic" purposes if so registered.

Schedule 4 "Domestic" products only.

Schedule 5 Limited to application on agricultural land.

Schedule 6 Similar to schedule 4 but may be registered for agricultural/commercial use.

For further information on the regulatory aspects of the classification please contact the Ministry of the Environment office nearest you. See page 3.

TABLE 17. PESTICIDES USED TO PROTECT FRUIT CROPS

a - acaricide, miticide b - bactericide i - insecticide			f - fungicide n - nematocide h - herbicide r - rodenticide		
Common or Chemical Name		Brand or Trade Name	Common or Chemical Name		Brand or Trade Name
anilazine	f	Dyrene	fixed copper	b	various formulations
azinphos methyl	i	APM, Guthion	folpet	f	Phaltan
benomyl	f	Benlate	formetanate		
blue stone	bf	copper sulfate	hydrochloride	a	Carzol
borax	f	sodium tetraborate	iprodione	f	Rovral
		deca-hydrate	malathion	i	Malathion
bordeaux	f	prepared in spray	mancozeb	f	Dithane M45, Manzate 200
		tank copper			
		sulfate, hydrated	maneb	f	Dithane M22, Manzate D, Mantox
		lime and water			
captan	f	Captan, Orthocide	metalaxyl	f	Ridomil
captafol	f	Difolatan	metaldehyde		metaldehyde
carbaryl	i	Sevin	metam sodium	bifnh	Vapam
carbofuran	i	Furadan	methidathion	i	Supracide
chinomethionat	af	Morestan	metiram	f	Polyram
copper sulfate	bf	bluestone	methomyl	i	Lannate
cypermethrin	i	Cymbush, Ripcord	oxamyl	in	Vydate
deltamethrin	i	Decis	oil	ai	oil
demeton	ai	Systox	parathion	i	Parathion
diazinon	i	Basudin, Diazinon	permethrin	i	Ambush, Pounce
1, 3 dichloropropene	n	Telone IIB	phosalone	i	Zolone, Zolone Flo
1, 3 dichloropropene + chloropicrin +			phosmet	i	Imidan
methyl isothiocyanate	bifnh	Vorlex Plus CP	pirimicarb	i	Pirimor
1, 3 dichloropropene + methyl isothiocyanate	bifnh	Vorlex Plus	propargite	a	Omite
dichlone	f	Phygon-XL, Dichlone	rotenone	i	Rotenone
dichloran	f	Botran	streptomycin sulfate	b	Agri-Mycin 17
dicofol	a	Kelthane	sulfur	f	sulfur, Kumulus S
dimethoate	i	Cygon	thiram	f	Thiram
dinocap	af	Karathane	triforine	f	Funginex
diphacinone	r	Ramik Brown	zineb	f	Dithane Z-78
DNOC	f	Elgetol	zinc phosphide	r	various formulations
dodine	f	Cyprex, Equal			
endosulfan	i	Thiodan			
fenvalarate	i	Belmark			
ferbam	f	Ferbam			



TABLE 18. NUMBER OF DAYS FROM LAST SPRAY TO HARVEST
Read the Label and Follow all Safety Precautions

Canada's Department of National Health and Welfare has established amounts of insecticides and fungicides that may remain on fruits at time of harvest. To avoid exceeding these tolerances, use recommended amounts and do not spray nearer to harvest than number of days shown below, or not later than stage indicated. This is subject to change by Information Letter as additional information is available. For tank mixes of two or more materials, use the longest time period given for any of the materials.

Do not apply a pesticide more often than recommended on the label.

— pesticide not recommended in this calendar on this crop
 X no tolerance for pesticide on that fruit
 D dormant only
 DD delayed dormant, half-inch green
 PB prebloom
 PH postharvest
 C not later than recommended in calendar
 OP organo-phosphate

	Apple	Pear	Cherry	Peach and Nectarine	Plum	Grape	Black berry Rasp- berry	Straw- berry	Apricot	Currant and Goose- berry
Ambush	7	7	—	7	—	21	—	—	—	—
APM	OP 7	7	15	21	—	28	—	—	—	—
Belmark	60	60	X—	X—	X—	X—	X—	X—	—	—
Benlate	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	—
Botran	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
captan	7	7	2*	2	2	7	2	2	2	—
captan-benomyl	7	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	2	—
Carzol	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cygon 480E	OP 14	14	15	—	X—	X—	X—	XC	—	—
Cymbush	7	7	—	—	—	7	—	7	—	—
Cyprex	7—	7	7	—	X—	X—	X—	7	—	—
Decis	1	7	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diazinon	OP 14	14—	10	20—	10	16	X—	5—	—	—
Dichlone	1	X—	3	shuck split	3C	X—	X—	—	—	—
Difolatan	DD	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dikar	30	30	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	—
Dithane M-45	30	30	X—	X—	X—	30	X—	X—	X—	X—
DNOC (Elgetol)	XD—	XD	XD—	XD—	XD—	XDD	X—	—	XD	—
Dyrene	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—
Easout	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
Equal	7—	7	7	—	X—	X—	X—	7	—	—
ethion	OP 30	30	—	30	30	30—	—	8	15	—
ferbam	7	7—	4	21	7—	7	XC	—	21	14
Funginex	—	—	C	C	C	—	—	—	—	—
Furadan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	XC	—	—
Guthion	OP 7	7	15	21	15	28	7	5	21	—
Imidan	OP 1	1	7	1	1	7	X—	X—	—	—
Karathane	21	21	X—	X—	X—	30	X—	X—	—	—
Kelthane	7	7	7	14	7	7—	7	2	14	—
Lannate	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
malathion	OP 3	—	3	7—	3	3—	1	3	7	3
Manzate 200	30	30	X—	X—	X—	30	X—	X—	—	—
Morestan	PB	PB	PB—	PB—	PB—	X—	X—	X—	PB—	—
Omite	7	PH	PH	14	28	28	—	7	14	—
parathion	OP 14	14	14	14	14	14—	—	14	14	—
Phaltan	1	X—	1	X—	X—	1	—	1	—	7
Phygon-XL	1	X—	3	shuck split	3C	X—	X—	—	—	—
Pirimor	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polyram	7	X—	—	X—	X—	45	X—	X—	—	—
Pounce	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ridomil	XC	—	—	—	—	—	XC	XC	—	—
Ripcord	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
rotenone	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Rovral	—	—	1	1	—	7	—	1	—	—

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TABLE 18. (Continued)

	Apple	Pear	Cherry	Peach and Nectarine	Plum	Grape	Black berry Rasp- berry	Straw- berry	Apricot	Currant and Goose- berry
Sevin	7	7	1	1	1—	3	—	2—	3	—
Streptomycin sulfate	50	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
sulfur, Kumulus S	1	1	1	1	1	1**	—	—	1	1
Supracide	XC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Systox	OP 21	21—	—	30—	60—	21—	PH	21—	—	—
Thiodan	15	15	15	15	15	30	X—	7	—	—
zineb	14	7	30	—	30—	30	14—	7—	—	7
Zolone Flo	OP 1	7	7	7	14	14	—	—	—	—

* 5 days on Sour Cherry ** 21 days on wine grapes

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SPRAYING RECORD

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EMERGENCY AND FIRST-AID PROCEDURES FOR PESTICIDE POISONING

Become familiar with the chemicals you are using. Keep a list of common names in case of accidents or emergencies. This information can be found on the product labels and cross-referenced in this publication.

If a pesticide has come in contact with the skin or has been spilled on clothing, remove the clothing and wash the skin thoroughly with soap and warm water. Repeat the wash.

If a pesticide has come in contact with the eyes, rinse them with plenty of clean water for 15 minutes.

If a person suspects poisoning from exposure to a pesticide by swallowing, inhalation, or contact with skin or eyes, read the label on the pesticide container and carry out the first-aid treatment suggested.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST-AID TREATMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN, WRAP THE PATIENT IN A COAT OR BLANKET AND RUSH HIM TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL. TAKE THE LIST OF CHEMICAL COMMON NAMES WITH YOU AND IDENTIFY THE ONES BEING USED.

IF A PERSON IS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS OR LAPSES INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS, CALL AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY.

EMERGENCY ADVICE ON PESTICIDE POISONING IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE POISON INFORMATION CENTRES. THE NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED UNDER EMERGENCY CALLS AT THE FRONT OF EACH BELL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

Fill in the following:

**MY LOCAL POISON INFORMATION CENTRE TELEPHONE NUMBER
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